



The overcoming Church

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Eph 3:11-21

I. We (the Church) are overcomers

• Rom 8:34-39

- A. outside circumstances cannot stop us –
 - 1. May be an end for some - in ALL these things WE are more than conquerors
 - 2. Don't think God doesn't love you! we overcome hardships

II. We have power to do God's will

• Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (KJV)*

- A. as witnesses
 - 1. Don't despair - call on God
 - 2. Follow God's plan for ALL believers - spread the Word

• Mark 16:17-18 *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV)*

- B. Power over the enemy
 - 1. Cast out devils –
 - 2. GIVE ENEMY NO PLACE!!

• Rom 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (KJV)*

- C. Power to live as an overcomer.
 - 1. without fear of the future
 - 2. without condemnation

III. We have an eternal reward we didn't even pay for!!

- A. This life is not the destiny of the redeemed!!

• 2 Cor 5:1-2

- 1. a new body
- 2. a new dwelling place (in the Father's house)

• 1 Cor 15:52-58

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. (KJV)

CONCLUSION:

- Do you know what it means to have this hope?
- Jesus is the way to abundant life here and there!!!

