

All born-again believers in Christ have overcome the world, ie. the hold and attraction that the world has upon them.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world, John 16:33.

However, all of us live by our testimony of what we believe concerning God's Word, whether it is spoken or left unspoken.

For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he, Proverbs 23:7.

As we further conform and agree with God's powerful Word and kingdom operation. We can always further overcome the works of the devil and various evil spirits that the world tempts us with.

I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one, 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:14.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world, 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4.

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To each of the [7 churches in Revelations](#), Jesus instructed 5 churches to repent, but He gave all 7 churches promises, even the 2 having no need of repentance, if they would further overcome.

*To Ephesus: He that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, Revelation 2:7.*

*To Smyrna: He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death, Revelation 2:11.*

*To Pergamum: He that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and a new name, Revelation 2:17.*

*To Thyatira: He that overcometh, and keeps My works, to him will I give power over the nations: Revelation 2:26.*

*To Sardis: He that overcometh, shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name, Revelation 3:5.*

*To Philadelphia: He that overcometh I will write upon him the name of my God, and a new name, Revelation 3:12.*

*To Laodicea: He that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, as I also overcame, Revelation 3:21.*

We overcome by what we believe and who we believe in.

Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts, Zechariah 4:6.

- Do we believe that God is our deliverer, do we believe in the Red Sea crossing, or is it just a cute story to us?
- Do we believe that the walls of Jericho fell just by walking around them 7 days?. --(Obedience)--
- *Do we see God as our provider (Jehovah-Jireh), or do we seek the ways of the world to provide for our needs?*
- Do we believe in (Jehovah-Rapha), that healing in this lifetime will occur, have we seen others or ourselves healed?
- Do we believe that God will deliver His people today if we but cry out and call upon Him? --(2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14)--.
- Do we believe the ministry events of the Gospel to be true?
- Do we view God as a good and personal God, a loving God, and a Just and righteous God?

Our testimony is believing in the finished work of Jesus and the power of His Word. Again, it is not about us; we cannot save ourselves or be part of saving ourselves, of our own merit.

Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, **Be not afraid, only believe**, Mark 5:36.

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The below scripture addresses overcoming and further connects what we speak and believe with how we overcome in the time of judgment.

By first saying, "Let God be true." For God is the truth and His Words are true, and Jesus is the "way, the truth and the life." Ie., we are to believe and speak God's Words, and "as we are judged according to His Words, we shall overcome.

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged, Romans 3:4.

### A prayer to the Father:

Father in heaven, I come before You to exalt, glorify, and magnify Your name. I thank You that mankind is made in Your own image and likeness, called to be in fellowship with You, and equally sharing in Christ's inheritance.

I thank You that every born-again believer, by the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ and through His finished work, has also overcome the world and its temptations. However, there is much more for us to overcome, so with that in mind I put on the full armor of God, **Ephesians 6:14-17**. Girding my loins with truth, putting on the breastplate of righteousness, walking in the peace of the Gospel, taking up the shield of faith, wearing the helmet of salvation, and being able to use the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

With this armor on, I declare that the plans of the enemy against me are broken, I cover my destiny in the blood of Jesus and I loose the spirit of fear, sickness, and destruction from my life while binding the protection and empowering grace of Christ to me to be able to overcome all things.

As I live a holy and repetitive lifestyle, I decree that the curse causeless shall not come upon me, **Proverbs 26:2**, strongholds shall be torn down and crumble as Your mighty warring angels aid me in achieving victory within Christ Jesus.

Father, all of my faith, trust and hope is in You. I acknowledge You as the core and essence of my life. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the light, and You hold life eternal.

**Amen.**



# We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the . . . .

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death, **Revelation 12:11**.

It's quite common for us to think of our testimony as what we have personally come through, endured, or overcome in this life, as fulfilling our half of the above scripture. Whereby, any successes that we do have in Christ is not to be minimized, for what we go through and overcome builds up our character, perseverance, endurance, and faith in Christ Jesus.

Definition of "testimony" (noun):

1. (law) a solemn statement made under oath
2. An assertion offering firsthand authentication of a fact
3. Something that serves as evidence

Testimony is a legal term, and we should not confuse it with what we have personally gone through. "Our testimony" is what we believe within the Bible: the history of it, the gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry, and the teachings within the epistles. For it is all about God, His kingdom, and His Son; it is not about us. We do not add to it or subtract from it.

The below scripture tells us that whomever believes in Christ, proclaims Him, and believes God raised Him from the dead, **Romans 10:9**, (whoever is born-again) is an overcomer.

<sup>4</sup> For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, *even* our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **1<sup>st</sup> John 5:4-5**.

Both scriptures here concerning overcoming address whom and what we believe in; this becomes our testimony.