

Overcomers

Foundational Scripture: Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

A. The Seven Churches

1. Summary

- a) General Guidelines (spoken 7 times, once to each church).

I know your works.

He who has an ear, let him hear.

He that overcometh

- b) Two types of overcoming.

Rev 2:10 Be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life.

1 Thes 4:17 Be alive and remain unto the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

- c) Specific Directions for overcoming by being alive and remaining.

Rev 3:16 Do not be lukewarm.

Rev 2:4 Do not forsake your first love.

Rev 3:1 Do not be spiritually dead.

Rev 2:14 Do not have heresy in you or your church.

Rev 2:18 Do not tolerate heresy around you or your church.

Rev 3:16 3:7 Do keep the Word of God and do not deny His Name.

2. Directions for Overcoming

- a) Martyrdom.

Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

- b) Not denying His Name.

Mat 10:33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

2Ti 2:12 If we **suffer**, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us.

Note: Suffer G5278 hupomenō

to stay under (behind), that is, remain; figuratively to undergo, that is, bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere: - abide, endure, (take) patient (-ly), suffer, tarry behind.

Notice: There is no mention of sickness nor disease but is by persecution or attack

The word is used in 16 verses, translated as suffer 2x both in 2 Tim, tarried behind 1x, abode 1x, patient in tribulation 2x, **endure 10x**.

Examples

Jan 1:12 Blessed G3107 is the man G435 that G3739 **endureth** G5278 temptation: G3986 for G3754 when he is G1096 tried, G1384 he shall receive G2983 the G3588

crown G4735 of life, G2222 which G3739 the G3588 Lord G2962 hath promised G1861 to them that love G25 him. G846

Heb 12:7 If G1487 ye **endure** G5278 chastening, G3809 God G2316 dealeth G4374 with you G5213 as G5613 with sons; G5207 for G1063 what G5101 son G5207 is G2076 he whom G3739 the father G3962 chasteneth G3811 not? G3756
Mat 24:13 But G1161 he that shall **endure** G5278 unto G1519 the end, G5056 the same G3778 shall be saved. G4982

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture

c) Keeping the Word of God.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Rev 3:8thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my **patience**, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Note: Patience G5281 hupomonē, 28 verses in NT, all translated as patience. Patience defined as cheerful or **hopeful** endurance. It is derived from G5278 hupomenō which is used above and best described as “endure”.

3. Overcoming by Love

a) We overcome by keeping His word.

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

b) We overcome by walking in love.

Joh 14:21 and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

1Jn 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

1Co 13:8 Love never fails.

B. Process of Overcoming

Patience, Faith, Hope and Love

Occurrences in the BOR: Patience (7), Faith (4), Hope (0), Love (2 plus loved 3).

1Co 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Heb 10:36 For ye have need of **patience**, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Patience is in Greek, hupomone (G5281), meaning cheerful or **hopeful** endurance & constancy.

Hope is in Greek, elpis (G1680), a confident expectation with pleasure.

1. Faith

Heb 6:12 AMPC the leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness.

Faith is believing God's Word and living by it.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is keeping God's Word, which includes His admonition, "Don't deny me."

Heb 11:1 AMPC Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the **title deed**) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

Faith is obedience to the seven directives given to the seven churches.

Luk 18:8 Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Luk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that **ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass**, and to stand before the Son of man

2. Love

Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love (agape).

Love (agape) is a spiritual force, based on a decision and an action.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me.

1Jn 4:8 He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love.

1Jn 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.**

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

We live as loving, forgiving and giving people.

Rev 2:4 because thou hast left thy first love.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works.

3. Patience

Patience is a cheerful or hopeful endurance.

Heb 6:12 AMPC and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises. Note: In KJV, patience is G3115 meaning forbearance, fortitude, longsuffering.

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Col 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Col 1:11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience (G5281) and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Luk 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

C. Overcoming with the Holy Spirit

1. Sonship through the leading of the Holy Spirit

Rom 8:14 For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

2. Life through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

3. Perfection with the help of the Holy Spirit

Gal 3:1 AMPC O you poor and silly and thoughtless and unreflecting and senseless Galatians! Who has fascinated or bewitched or cast a spell over you, unto whom—right before your very eyes—Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was openly and graphically set forth and portrayed as crucified?

Gal 3:2 Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the [Holy] Spirit as the result of obeying the Law and doing its works, or was it by hearing [the message of the Gospel] and believing [it]? [Was it from observing a law of rituals or from a message of faith?]

Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish and so senseless and so silly? Having begun [your new life spiritually] with the [Holy] Spirit, **are you now reaching perfection [by dependence] on the flesh?**

Examples of Patience G5281

Rev 3:10 BecauseG3754 thou hast keptG5083 theG3588 wordG3056 of myG3450 patience,G5281 I alsoG2504 will keepG5083 theeG4571 fromG1537 theG3588 hourG5610 of temptation,G3986 which shallG3195 comeG2064 uponG1909 allG3650 theG3588 world,G3625 to tryG3985 themG3588 that dwellG2730 uponG1909 theG3588 earth.G1093

Rev 13:10 He thatG1536 leadeth intoG4863 captivityG161 shall goG5217 intoG1519 captivity:G161 he thatG1536 killethG615 withG1722 the swordG3162 mustG1163 be(G846) killedG615 withG1722 the sword.G3162 HereG5602 isG2076 theG3588 patienceG5281 andG2532 theG3588 faithG4102 of theG3588 saints.G40

Rev 14:12 HereG5602 isG2076 the patienceG5281 of theG3588 saints:G40 hereG5602 are they that keepG5083 theG3588 commandmentsG1785 of God,G2316 andG2532 theG3588 faithG4102 of Jesus.G2424

Luk 21:19 InG1722 yourG5216 patienceG5281 possessG2932 ye yourG5216 souls.G5590

Col 1:11 StrengthenedG1412 withG1722 allG3956 might,G1411 accordingG2596 to hisG846 gloriousG1391 power,G2904 untoG1519 allG3956 patienceG5281 andG2532 longsufferingG3115 withG3326 joyfulness;G5479

Heb 10:36 ForG1063 ye haveG2192 needG5532 of patience,G5281 that,G2443 after ye have doneG4160 theG3588 willG2307 of God,G2316 ye might receiveG2865 theG3588 promise.G1860

Jas 1:4 ButG1161 let patienceG5281 haveG2192 her perfectG5046 work,G2041 thatG2443 ye may beG5600 perfectG5046 andG2532 entire,G3648 wantingG3007 nothing.G3367

Luk 8:15 ButG1161 thatG3588 onG1722 theG3588 goodG2570 groundG1093 areG1526 they,G3748 which inG1722 an honestG2570 andG2532 goodG18 heart,G2588 having heardG191 theG3588 word,G3056 keepG2722 it, andG2532 bring forth fruitG2592 withG1722 patience.G5281

Rom 5:3 AndG1161 notG3756 onlyG3440 so, butG235 we gloryG2744 inG1722 tribulationsG2347 also:G2532 knowingG1492 thatG3754 tribulationG2347 workethG2716 patience;G5281

Rom 15:5 NowG1161 theG3588 GodG2316 of patienceG5281 andG2532 consolationG3874 grantG1325 youG5213 to be likemindedG5426 G846 one toward anotherG240 G1722 accordingG2596 to ChristG5547 Jesus:G2424

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