

We Will Overcome!

(Revelation 12:11)

Intro: They Have Overcome!

*And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And **they have overcome** him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.*

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'...they have overcome...'

ἐνίκησαν (enikēsan): 'they have overcome',

from νικάω (nikaō): I conquer, am victorious, overcome, prevail, subdue.

Aside: It's the same word that the brand NIKE gets its name from -- 'Nike' was the Greek goddess of victory.

This word is repeated seventeen times in Revelation (out of 28 in the whole New Testament).

"He who overcomes..."

Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21 (seven times)

"... as I [Jesus] also overcame..."

Revelation 3:21

"...the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome..."

Revelation 5:5

"...behold, a white horse, and He [Jesus?] who sat on it... went out overcoming and to overcome..."

Revelation 6:2 (twice)

"When the two witnesses finish their testimony, the beast.. will overcome them and kill them"

Revelation 11:7

"...and they overcame him..."

Revelation 12:11

"...and it was granted to the beast to make war with the saints and to overcome them..."

Revelation 13:7

"...and I saw those who had overcome the beast...standing on the sea of glass with harps..."

Revelation 15:2

"...the Lamb will overcome, for He is Lord of lords and King of Kings..."

Revelation 17:14

"He who overcomes will inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

Revelation 21:7

Five of the instances have Jesus overcoming (3:21, 5:5, 6:2 x2, 17:14);

two have the beast overcoming (11:7, 13:7);

and the remaining ten have the saints overcoming. Two of these are descriptions (12:11, 15:2);

-- and the remaining eight are invitations for those reading to overcome.

This weekend I'm extending that same invitation to you to be an overcomer.

And we're going to focus on the one verse that tells us how the saints overcome: Revelation 12:11.

In particular, we're going to focus on the three ingredients of unstoppable spiritual victory:

1. 'The Blood of the Lamb' – the CROSS of Christ
2. 'The Word of our Testimony'
3. 'Not Loving our Lives unto Death' -- the Cross-Shaped Life

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