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HOW WE OVERCOME

The Book of Revelation gives us insight into the end times. As we study it, we see seven churches that had many issues. Jesus had John write a letter to each church to enable them to change and live a victorious life, with the assurance of living in eternity with the Lord.

In chapter 12 we learn about our adversary, the devil, also called Satan and the old serpent. We see here that as our adversary he accuses us before God both day and night (Rev. 12:10). He is always looking for an opening caused by sin to destroy us. But verse 11 says, ***“And they (the saints, including you and me) overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.”***

These three things make us victorious:

First, we overcome through the shed blood of Jesus that is applied to our sin at salvation. This washes our sin away and gives us eternal life. Anyone that receives salvation has this holy, sinless, pure, overcoming blood of Jesus as their defense.

Second, we overcome by the word of our testimony. This means we are to share what God has done for us. So many people do not share their testimony with anyone. It is no wonder their lives are lived in defeat. We cannot have full overcoming victory without sharing with others about our salvation and how God has helped us through the rough times. If you aren't doing this, then it is time to repent and make the effort to share “your” testimony with others. Sharing what someone else did is “not” your testimony. What has God done for and through you? That is “your” testimony.

Third, we overcome by having no fear of death. We walk in the knowledge that even if this earthly body perishes, we will still be alive with Jesus in heaven. The early saints knew that they would be persecuted for their faith and even welcomed the persecution. They learned that through Jesus their weaknesses became strong because his strength is made perfect in our weakness. (2 Cor. 12:9.) These early believers had no fear of lion's dens, or the cross of crucifixion. They pressed into God's promises no matter what their end might have been.

When we live with these three things in our lives, we can be assured that we will be overcomers. There should never be any fear in the lives of a believer. John tells us in Revelation 12:12, ***“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.”*** The angels are told to rejoice when we live an overcoming life.

I pray that your life will be one of an overcomer! No Fear!