

Rewards for Overcomers – Revelation 2 - 3

How did JESUS overcome the world? John 14:26-27, John 16:33, Colossians 2:13-15

Jesus overcame our problem of sin - canceling the debt we owed.

Jesus overcame the enemy – disarming them, removing their weapons, and triumphing over them.

Jesus overcame the world – when He died on the cross, accomplished the Father's plan of redemption by being a substitutionary sacrifice, and when He rose from the dead... defeating even death itself.

Overcome: success against a challenging situation

nikao – be victorious, win, prevail; of a legal action win (out), win the case; overcome, defeat, conquer

Overcome in Revelation: 5:5, 6:2, 11:7, 13:7, 12:11, 15:2, 17:14, 21:5-7

How believers overcome: John 16:13

The Rewards for Overcomers: Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21

Every one of these is:

- ❖ what every believer in Jesus as their Savior will receive
- ❖ a gift from Jesus Himself
- ❖ an incentive for faithfulness to Jesus

Rev 2:7: The gift of eating from the tree of life. Rev 22:2

- ❖ It emphasizes life. Ephesians 2:1
- ❖ It indicates access into the garden of God - in the presence of God with perfect fellowship

Rev 2:11: The gift of not being hurt by the second death. Rev 20:12-14, Rev 21:8

- ❖ The unbelieving dead will be resurrected and stand before God, in immortal bodies.
- ❖ Believers will only experience one death, then we will be with the Lord forever.

Rev 2:17: The gift of hidden manna and a white stone with our new names.

- ❖ Israel was fed manna from Heaven while in the wilderness, a portion was kept hidden in the Ark of the Covenant. Exodus 16:33-34, Heb 9:4
- ❖ Jesus said the manna that God gave the Israelites represented HIM, John 6:51; Luke 22:19
- ❖ White stones – used as a ticket, given to the winners of games, giving entrance to a celebration, these were the only ones with a person's name

What name?

- ❖ Our new names, given to us by Jesus, the eternal name that characterizes us.

Rev 2:27: The gift of power over the nations and the morning star.

- ❖ The church of Thyatira needed to take action and not tolerate Jezebel's false teaching anymore.
- ❖ This gift guarantees believers that they will share in Jesus' victory over His enemies.
- ❖ This gift carries into the Millennial Kingdom, when glorified saints have power over the nations, ruling, and governing the world under Jesus' reign as King.
- ❖ Jesus is called the bright morning star: Rev 22:16
- ❖ But Jesus is the giver of the gift of the morning star: Dan 12:3, Matt 13:43

Rev 3:5: The gift of white garments, his name will not be blotted out from the Book of Life and Jesus will confess his name before God. Revelation 19:8

- ❖ White garments indicate purity
- ❖ Overcomers are acceptable to God and serve as priests of God. Zechariah 3:1, 3-4, Rev 1:5-6

Rev 3:12: The gift of being a pillar and a threefold name.

To be a pillar is clearly symbolic -

- ❖ A pillar is strong, steadfast, and permanent
- ❖ This indicates our eternal state, our permanent residence in the presence of God.

A threefold name -

- ❖ The name of My God - we belong to Him
- ❖ The name of the city of My God - we are citizens of His city
- ❖ The new name of Jesus - we will know Him in His fullness as the King of Kings.

Rev 3:21: The gift of the right to sit down with Him on His throne, as He overcame and sat down with His Father on His throne.

2 Thrones:

- ❖ God's throne - in Heaven
- ❖ Jesus' throne - the throne of David, it rightly belongs to Him, Genesis 49:10
- ❖ Jesus will occupy His throne in Jerusalem when He comes in His glory
- ❖ The overcomer is promised a place of reigning with Jesus in His Millennial kingdom.
Matt 19:28, 1 Corinthians 6:2