

TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH.

Introduction:

- A. The seven churches of Asia: Epilogue.
 - 1. Two are condemned unquestionably.
 - a. Sardis is dead.
 - b. Laodicea is rejected.
 - 2. Two are praised unreservedly.
 - a. Smyrna.
 - b. Philadelphia.
 - 3. Two are treated with praise and blame.
 - a. Pergamum = repent.
 - b. Thyatira.
 - 4. One is threatened to be moved.
 - a. Ephesus = Repent.

- B. They all have references to the overcomer.
 - 1. overcometh = nikao - to be a victor.
 - 2. Will all the saved be overcomers?

I. THE OVERCOMERS OF EPHEBUS. 2:7

- A. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."
 - 1. overcometh = vikao.
 - 2. Rev. 22:1-2.

II. THE OVERCOMERS OF SMYRNA. 2:11

- A. "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."
 - 1. Rev. 20:14.

III. THE OVERCOMERS OF PERGAMOS. 2:17

- A. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give unto him a stone, and in the stone

a new name written which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

1. Manna not available to all, fellowship.
2. Victorious gladiators retired from arena.

IV. THE OVERCOMERS IN THYATIRA. 2:26-28

A. "And he that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers; even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star."

1. Two requirements.
2. Rod of iron = subject to another.
3. rule = shepherd.
4. morning star, star of hope.

V. THE OVERCOMERS IN SARDIS. 3:5

A. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

1. clothed in white raiment.
2. will not blot out his name.
3. confess = To not only own, but to thank God for one's life.

VI. THE OVERCOMERS IN PHILADELPHIA. 3:12

A. "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: And I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."

1. pillar = stable, dependable, remembered.
2. Divine pleasure in ownership.

VII. THE OVERCOMERS IN LAODICEA. 3:21

- A. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne."
1. sit with Jesus in His throne.
 2. Same promise from God.
 3. Was Jesus an overcomer?
 4. What kind of life did He live?

VIII. WHAT IS AN OVERCOMER?

- A. The overcomer is born again.
1. I John 5:1-5.
- B. The overcomer has scriptural baptism.
1. "His commandments are not grievous."
 2. We put on Christ.
- C. The overcomer is faithful.
1. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."
 2. "the just shall live by faith."
- D. The overcomer follows Jesus.
1. Matt. 19:27-29.
- E. The overcomer knows and does God's will.
1. Luke 12:37-49.
 2. John 16:33 - "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."

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G. The overcomer is faithful until death.

IX. PATIENT ENDURANCE, THE KEY.

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

1. The promise is not salvation!
2. Abraham, others died in faith, NOT having received the promise.