

Overcome . . . or Overcomers

The Overcoming Life - Week 1

I. Man was created to _____ in life.

Genesis 1:28 “Then God blessed them and said, ‘Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.’”

II. Man was overcome by sin’s _____.

Genesis 3:1, 17b “The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, ‘Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?’ . . . ¹⁷“the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.”

A. Man is _____ by sin’s consequences.

Colossians 3:25 “For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.”

Romans 6:23 (MSG) “But now that you’ve found you don’t have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God’s gift is real life, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.”

Galatians 6:1 Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some **sin**, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

B. Man is _____ by sin’s penalties.

Job 20:22 “**Misery**”

Jeremiah 8:21 “**Grief**”

Ezekiel 7:25 “**Terror**”

Mark 9:24 “**Unbelief**”

2 Corinthians 2:7 “**Discouragement**”

III. Jesus _____ on Our Behalf.

John 16:33 “I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

A. He _____ *the penalty of sin*.

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”

B. He _____ *Satan*.

Hebrews 2:14-15 “Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”

C. He _____ *death*.

Romans 6:9 “For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.”

IV. We Become Overcomers through _____.

Romans 8:37 “No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.” (See Psalm 112:6)

A. _____ **from sin’s mastery**

Romans 6:14 “Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God’s grace.

B. _____ **from the law’s curse**

Galatians 3:13 “But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.’”

Revelations 3:12 “The one who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the Temple of My God, and he will never leave it.”

The Overcoming Life

Overcome or Overcoming - God created us to be overcomers in this world. God intended for us to live a victorious, overcoming life.

Overcoming Rejection - Jesus was the most rejected man in the history of the world, but he overcame rejection on every level - and has empowered us to do the same!

Overcoming Doubt - Everyone has questions, "Why does God allow me to suffer?" or "Why doesn't God answer my prayers?" "What is the right decision?" "Did I really hear God?" We'll look honestly at our doubts and learn to overcome any doubt in our lives.

Overcoming Unforgiveness - In life, offenses, hurts, unkind words, rejection, and betrayal will come - sometimes from strangers, but sometimes from close friends or family. Regardless of the source, we must forgive to live as overcomers.

Overcoming Discouragement - It is human nature to feel discouraged and overwhelmed. All of us will be discouraged from time to time, how we respond when we are down is always a choice. Our choice will determine our outcome.

Overcoming Fear - On his way to the cross, Jesus experienced more fear than any person ever and yet He overcame. Based on Christ's example, we'll identify how to overcome our fears and accomplish God's will for our lives

Overcoming Death - Jesus frees us from sin and death and his resurrection assures us of life eternal. He lived, died, and rose to give us a rich and satisfying life. (John 10:10)

Overcoming Shame - Even though we were created to live without shame, everyone battles guilt, regret and self-hate. However, Jesus rejected the curse of shame on the cross.

Overcoming Sickness - God still heals! So why isn't everyone healed? In this teaching we'll identify some of the different reasons for sickness to fully understand how He heals.

Overcoming Comparison - How do we stop dealing with unhealthy comparisons with others? The torment of comparison is perpetual, and God's only answer is for us to stop comparing!

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