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We are up to Part 4 at looking at the overcomers and Jesus' letters to the 7 churches. My hope is that we are all marinating within these prophetic utterances and asking the Holy Spirit to write on our hearts and minds, through His power, these promises which are in His Word.

Once again it is important to remind us all that we don't overcome anything in our own strength and ability. While we remain the source of our own lives we will be overcome. The One in us is the One who overcomes. We just happen to be the recipient of this overcoming through the relinquishing of our entire lives.

The 3 key essentials to overcoming in Christ are:

1. Knowing who He is and who you are in Him - Identity.
2. Knowing His authority, which becomes your authority through knowing who you are in Him.
3. Receiving His power within you, which creates the divine enablement to be able to stand firm, resist the onslaught and continuously move offensively or forward through Grace.

I want us to start with what I would say is the most important. The overcoming of our 'flesh'. When we say the overcoming of the flesh, we mean the overcoming of the 'soul realm', that is still not **crucified, renewed, or defined** into the image of the Christ.

This is why the purpose for every follower is to be conformed into the image of the Son - **Romans 8:29**, and the will of God is the sanctification of the soul - **1 Thessalonians 4:3**.

If our soul realm is transformed into the literal image of the Son of God, then all the power that the world and the adversary may have over us, is literally stripped away from them, and they no longer have any hold on us. Their main weaponry of deception, temptation and lies are seen for what they are - false.

So what does it mean to overcome the 'flesh', or the 'soul realm'. The soul is made up of 3 parts and each part must be under the authority of His Lordship. The 3 parts are our 'will', our 'mind' and our 'emotions'. The Father deals with these 3 attributes of the natural demonic nature in 3 different ways.

Jesus **crucifies** our demonic will (the spirit of pride) through His Power (Jesus Christ). This is the FIRST part of the soul realm being overcome. When we receive Christ in us, our will (the spirit of pride) is **crucified** and no longer lives. The active opposition called 'enmity' is killed and the spirit of humility now resides and dwells within us - **Romans 12:1, Galatians 2:20, Matthew 5:3**.

Jesus **renews** our demonic mind (the carnal mind) and gives us a brand new way of thinking and understanding. This is the SECOND part of the soul realm being overcome by Christ. As our minds start to



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be renewed by the Spirit to His mind, our lives start to prove His good, pleasing and perfect will, through a tangible physical demonstration of the expression of Christ-likeness - **Romans 12:2, Ephesians 3:10.**

The THIRD part of the soul realm being overcome, is through God's Truth now **defining and shaping** our emotions, rather than the situations or circumstances we go through, or the things that happen to us. We take the fleshly thoughts and feelings that are not of God captive and bring them under the authority of Him and His kingdom realm.

All these 3 aspects make up our 'soul realm' and all these 3 aspects of our soul realm must also be 'saved' by His Power. This is a complete salvation of our spirit, soul and body which is required for maturity in Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

Pray this inspires you to ask, seek and knock for the complete life in Christ, so we will all find ourselves overcoming the flesh and receiving the overcomer's inheritance, which Jesus promises His church that overcomes.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it essential that our Will (spirit of pride) is the first part of our flesh that needs to be overcome?
2. How does the renewing of our minds open up everything in Christ empowering us to prove His good, pleasing and perfect will? (Romans 12:2)
3. While going through this resource are there areas that the Holy Spirit has highlighted to you which needs to be overcome by the Spirit? Take some time together to repent of these areas before Him and ask the Spirit to reveal who He is and who you are in Him, the authority He has given you and to reveal and fill you with the power of His Grace which enables us to overcome.
4. What life can we expect to walk in and live from through this overcoming of our flesh?