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The most important truth we must know about being an 'Overcomer', is that we don't overcome through or from ourselves. Our human strength is foolishness to God. We have to realise and recognise that while we continue to live in and from the flesh, we will be overcome and completely unable in ourselves to live the life of an overcomer.

This is why the recognition of God's Grace which is sufficient, and our absolute state of weakness, is the key to truly being the 'overcomer's' which the prophetic scriptures speak of and declare. Only when we have approached God in absolute weakness of spirit, relinquishing the spirit of pride to be crucified by Christ because of His great mercy, offering up our bodies as a living sacrifice, can we be strong in Him, hence the words of Paul, "for when I am weak, then I am strong".

This is the spiritual posture we must all enter into and lay hold of, if we intend to be the victorious overcomer's of Revelation 2 and 3. Being an overcomer in Christ is nothing like being an overcomer in the world. Being an overcomer in Christ has nothing to do with whether life on earth is good, easy, peaceful, comfortable, painless or what we deem as significant or successful.

Being an overcomer on earth is very much the opposite of this prosperity false gospel position which many teach and many believe. Being an overcomer in Him is having genuine fellowship (spiritual oneness) with His sufferings, being hated and persecuted for loving as Jesus loved, being completely misunderstood and misrepresented, and stay forever present, being patient, kind, bearing and enduring all things and forever hoping for the ones who are against you to come into Him.

Being an overcomer in Christ is being able to look at this demonic demonstration of behaviour and love the person, without ever holding an account of wrong against them. It's not about getting anything from anyone but being able to give and minister Him to all.

Look at these words of Paul who was a brilliant example of a disciple who was an overcomer, because he was being built by the Overcomer, the Christ, on the inside.

2 Corinthians 12:10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake.

2 Corinthians 4:7-13 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of



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Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you.

I hope this gives us a Christ centred picture of what it is to be an overcomer in Christ, through having the Overcomer establish and form Himself within your hidden inner most being place, the place David said he wanted Truth.

How many of us have a reference for this spiritual posture in Him called fellowship?

The need to partake of the Overcomer (Christ) continuously through the power of God (Christ) is the ONLY way we are able to have this life as a reference for ourselves. We are greatly mistaken if we believe we come into this life via memorisation and proclamations of words on the pages of the bible.

The revelation of Jesus Christ, the Living Word, Hope, through the resurrection of Himself, is the ONLY way we will become the 'overcomers' of the churches described in Revelation 2 and 3.

I pray this urges you to drop what you are currently doing and may be absorbed in, and run to the Father who is waiting for you to arrive, where He can give you what He gave to Paul, so Paul's TESTIMONY, not his teaching, becomes our living TESTIMONY.

QUESTIONS

1. How do the world's and God's definitions of an Overcomer differ?
2. What does it mean to have fellowship (spiritual oneness) with His sufferings? Can you share a testimony of this?
3. Why is it important that we receive Paul's testimony not his teaching on what it means to be an Overcomer?