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I believe we have covered what it is to be the overcomer. What it is we are to overcome and how we overcome these 3 opponents, so we live lives which are victorious in Him and through Him.

It is in living the life of the overcomer, which brings glory to Him and glorifies His name into the earth.

As we have previously stated, Jesus is the One who has overcome and defeated all things, so in KNOWING Him through the power of revelation, we are the recipients of this overcoming life, empowering us to be Overcomers.

This is essential to have as the context for looking at the 7 churches, as the reward/inheritance is for those who overcome and not for those who are only justified.

Before we get into looking at the churches themselves and the areas of their lives which Jesus spoke into, it's important to understand certain things for context.

There was 1 letter that went out to the churches, so the Ephesian church got to read the letter to the church of Sardis and Smyrna got to read Philadelphia etc. etc.

The 7 churches are a reflection or a representation of the church as a whole today, so within the body of Christ as a whole, we can see all these attributes that Jesus speaks of represented in His church now.

There are followers who have left their first love. There are those who have been tested unto death and been found faithful. There are those who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

There are some who tolerate the Jezebel spirit, and those who don't. There are those whose works are of self and they are dead but think they are alive. There are some who have and are soiling their bridal garments through spiritual adultery. There are followers who are keeping His Word and are not denying His name when tested and there are the lukewarm, blind and naked followers, who say one thing while Jesus says the other.

This is the church, God's people we are looking at, not a lost world.

Another interesting factual truth is that 5 out of the 7 churches need to REPENT, turn from their way of being unto His way of being. 5 out of 7!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And the church at Sardis and Laodicea are given a very stern WARNING from love.



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As we unpack each church, I want us to keep this at the forefront of our thinking, as this is the context for understanding what Jesus is saying to His people, you and I now.

This isn't about someone else or a third party. This is about me. This is about you.

God is letting His people know exactly where they are at, so they can turn to Him and leave their dead ways, because He is about to pour out His seals, which He opens upon the earth.

Love always makes you fully aware of your true state, so we can prepare and get ready for what He is about to do. The seals are of Him and if the church doesn't wake up from the warning God is giving her, then His hope is she will wake up when He pours out His seals.

He longs for every follower to receive the reward He is returning with, and so He gives His people every opportunity through what He allows and does, for this to occur.

Are you spiritually awake?
Are you spiritually asleep?

God is giving us our opportunity to be the church that overcomes and receives all He has.

Let's be this church as a whole and not in ones and twos.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between those who overcome and those who are justified only and what they will receive?
2. What does it say about the church in general if 5 out of 7 churches are in need of repentance before His return?
3. Why is it essential for us to know the true state of our hearts and how can we know the true state of our hearts?
4. Why is it important to know there was 1 letter shared among all the churches?
5. What is the Spirit revealing to you through this resource? Testify of what He is doing and revealing to you and if necessary take some time to pray together and repent, and ask Him to reveal Himself in these areas.