

An overcomer

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”, 1 John 4:4.

There is probably not a greater overcomer than the Apostle John. He was one of the first four disciples our Lord called to enter into His Service, Matthew 4:21. He is described as being intolerant and vindictive, Mark 9:38 and Luke 9:54

The Lord called him from the Cross to take care of Mary, the Lord’s mother, John 19:26. His three Epistles have more than twenty-five references directing us to passages relating to Christian Love.

Taken as a prisoner by the Romans, he was incarcerated in what is believed to be the cave he resided in on the Isle of Patmos with a Roman guard.

It was on Patmos that the Lord gave John the Revelation of what was to come.

In our Lord’s Book of Revelation, we find seven distinct promises to those who truly seek to become overcomers, with each promise being based upon our obedience to what the Spirit said.

The first is based upon the necessity to feast on Spiritual food, not food that would satisfy our spiritual lusts.

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God”, Revelation 2:7.

The second is the name that God will give us, when we enter the Courts of Heaven as having been an obedient child of God.

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it”, Revelation 2:17.

The third is that the authority Adam had in the Garden of Eden has been restored to us. We, in this age have received the authority to break Satan’s power in men’s lives. When Satan has been locked away for a thousand years, we shall return with our Lord as priests and kings, Revelation 5:9-10.

“But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations” , Revelation 2:25-26.

The fourth is that e shall be dressed in a robe of righteousness, and the Lord will introduce us to His Father.

“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.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches” , Revelation 3:5-6,

The fifth is that we shall become as a pillar. The Greek word for ‘a pillar’ is *stulos*, is used by Paul in Acts and Jesus in the Book of Revelation, and translates as a pillar (*an important member of a group*), support (*agreeing with and acknowledging a persons position*), column (having the ability to carry the work load).

“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” , Revelation 3:12.

The sixth is that we shall be worthy to sit with our Lord.

“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” , Revelation 3:21

The seventh is that the gift we receive now is valid throughout eternity.

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son” , Revelation 21:7.

I close with the Apostle Paul’ s statement to the Ephesian Church, “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone” , Ephesians 2:19-20.