

He Has Overcome the World

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Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs; but the time is coming, when I shall no longer speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. At that day you shall ask in My Name; and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you. For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and have come **into the world**; again, **I leave the world, and go to the Father**. His disciples said unto Him, 'Lo, now You are speaking plainly, and speak no proverb. Now are we sure that **You know all things**, and do not need that any man should **ask You**; by this we believe that You came forth from God.' Jesus answered them, 'Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, yes, even now has come, that you shall be scattered, every man to his own-place, **and shall leave Me alone**. And yet I am not alone, because **the Father is with Me**. These things I have spoken unto you, so that **in Me you might have Peace**. **In the world you shall have tribulation**: **but be of good cheer; I Have Overcome the World.**" ([John 16:25-33](#))

I: from the Greek words **ego** which mean: the first person pronoun I - in context Jesus is saying something about Himself, that "He" has overcome the world on our behalf!

Have-Overcome: from the Greek word **nenikeka** a verb which means: to have-conquered, to have-prevailed, to **have-overcome**, to have-overpowered; etc.. Properly: to conquer to the point of a complete victory in battle ! Absolutely Victorious! From **nike** meaning: **victory**.

The World: from the Greek words **ton kosmon** which mean: **the world**; worldly affairs; (something orderly), the human world-system, the inhabitants of the world; the cosmos: the universe.

Good-Cheer: from the Greek word **tharseite** which means: to be of **good courage**; or to be of **good cheer**; emboldened from within; showing boldness. Properly: a bolstering **within** which supports unflinching courage; literally: to radiate warm confidence; to radiate "social boldness" because of warm-heartedness. Jesus is implying that good-courage and/or good-cheer is an essential or urgent attribute in the presence of tribulation; with the added factual bonus that He has achieved complete victory over all worldly sin, opposition, and adversaries.

Peace: from the Greek word **eirenen** which means: peace, quietness, rest; wholeness in spirit soul and body; along with the absence of tribulation. In Context: Jesus is actually saying believers in Christ Jesus will have peace 'in Him' but not from the world-system.

Tribulation: from the Greek word **thlipsin** which means: tribulation; in the sense of: persecution, affliction, distress, often carrying the challenge of coping with the internal pressure of thinking there is no way of escape.

The current situation of this world-system is basically evil, and ruled by evil, and is under the curse (see [Genesis 3:17](#), & [Romans 8:18-25](#)). We are in this evil world-system, and yet we are no longer of this world. And yet, as followers of Christ Jesus, we will suffer tribulation in this world. But the promise of Jesus is that He has conquered victoriously, and has overcome this present evil world. Knowing this, Jesus tells us that we can have peace living in the midst of this world-system; and so Jesus encourages us to be of good-courage and of good-cheer. Paul, the apostle reminds us this overcoming deliverance by Jesus Christ as follows:

"Paul, an apostle, not from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead; and all the brethren who are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: **Grace be to you and Peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for our sins, so that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father;**" ([Galatians 1:1-5](#))

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Paul also expounded on the processes of overcoming through diverse tribulations as we serve as ministers and ambassadors of God; please consider the following amazing testimony:

"We then, **as workers** together **with Him**, beseech you also that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For He said, '*I have heard you in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.*' ([Isaiah 49:8](#)) Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation; giving no offense in any thing, so that the ministry be not blamed; but in all things approving **ourselves as the ministers of God**, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fasting; in pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in (His) love **unfeigned, in the Word of Truth, in the power of God**, through the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things!!" ([2 Corinthians 6:1-10](#))

And again:

"What shall we then say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** He who spared not His own Son (**Jesus**), **but delivered Him up for us all**, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who is risen again, who is even at the Right Hand of God, who also makes intercession **for us**. **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, '*For your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*' ([Psalm 44:22](#)). No, in all these things we are more than **conquerors through Him who loved us**. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" ([Romans 8:31-39](#))

And again:

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, **and not of us**. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, so that **the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body** (in an overcoming sense). ... For **our light affliction (tribulation), which is but for a moment**, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen **are eternal.**" ([2 Corinthians 4:7-10 ... 17-18](#))

Faith in Jesus: that He is indeed the the Father's promised Messiah, the Savior of the world, and the Son of God, is the kind of 'Faith' that is necessary for for believers to overcome the world:

"Whoever believes that **Jesus is the Christ** is born of God; and every one who loves Him that begot loves him also that is begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For all (everyone) **born of God overcomes the world**; and this is **the victory** that **overcomes the world, even our faith**. **Who is he who overcomes the world**, but **he who believes** that **Jesus is the Son of God?** This is He who came through water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not in water only, but in the water and the blood." ([1 John 5:1-6](#))

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Speaking of the world, Jesus prayed to His Father as follows:

"And now I am no more in **the world**, but these (His disciples) are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your own Name those whom You have given Me, so that they may be one, as We are. While I was with them in the world I kept them in Your Name: those who You gave to Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, except the son of perdition, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world, so that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your Word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Your Truth. Your Word is Truth! As You have sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they also might be sanctified through the Truth. Nor do I pray for these alone, but also for those who shall believe on Me through their word; so that they all may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, so that they also may be one in us; so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them; so that they may be one, even as we are One; I in them, and You in Me, so that they may be made perfect in one; and so that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You have loved Me." ([John 17:11-23](#))

Please now consider these final admonitions:

"And when He (Jesus) had called the people unto Himself with His disciples also, He said unto them, 'Whoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, **and take up his cross (daily), and follow Me**. For whoever will save his life shall lose it; but whoever shall lose his life for **My sake** and the Gospel's (the Good-News), the same (person) shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, **if he shall gain the whole world**, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Therefore, whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation (the world); of him also shall the **Son of Man (Jesus)** be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the Holy angels.'" ([Mark 8:34-38](#))

"Love not the world, nor the things that are in the world. If any man **loves the world**, the **love of the Father** is not in him. For **all that is in the world**, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, **but is of the world**. And **the world** is passing away, and the lust of it. But he who does the will of God abides forever." ([I John 2:15-17](#))

Truly, Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World

**The Father spared not His own Son Jesus, but delivered Him up for us all !!
So that He might deliver us from this present evil world !
And we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us !**

**We must take up our cross daily, and follow Jesus !!
We must be of good-courage and of good-cheer !!**

**Thank You Jesus for giving to us the Peace of God that surpasses all understanding !!
Thank You that 'in You' we are no longer of the world !
Thank You Father Son & Holy Spirit !!!**

Come soon Lord Jesus !