

DO YOU WANT TO BE SET FREE FROM THE STRUGGLE OF SIN? FIND YOUR PURPOSE, AND CALLING, AND REALIZE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN OVERCOMER!

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The promises of eternal life, found in the book of Revelation are to the overcomer. These promises are made to no other individual. You can find these promises in Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7. Do you earnestly desire to be in this blessed group? Do you think that this calling is too high for you? Do you feel that it is an impossible goal? Do not give up! In one of the promises of Revelation, Jesus gives us a clear and significant insight as to what makes someone an overcomer!

Revelation 3:21: - "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.**"

How did Jesus overcome? He lived by a working faith in the glorification and respect of all that his Father commanded and required! A FAITH like this **causes** overcoming. Jesus was DETERMINED, and SECURE *in what he believed* about his Father's commands and instructions. Jesus was also DETERMINED and SECURE *in what he believed* about his PURPOSE and CALLING. These beliefs **caused** the works of righteousness to shine forth from his life. **HE LIVED WHAT HE BELIEVED!** Because Jesus was determined and secure in his purpose, he was able to give up his life for us! **HE LIVED WHAT HE BELIEVED!** Let us now examine briefly Christ's determination and belief system that enabled him to be an overcomer. By understanding this, we shall find the pathway to inheriting the promises ourselves!

From the start, Jesus **DESIRED TO FULFILL all righteousness**, that is, he desired to fulfill all of God's commandments and requirements.

Matthew 3:13 - 15: - "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer [it to be so] now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him."

Psalms 119:172: - "My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments [are] righteousness."

Deuteronomy 6:25: - "And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us."

Further to this point, Jesus' meat or sustaining motivation was **to do the will of God**. This caused him to be an overcomer!

John 4:34: - "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

John 6:38: - "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."

We find the prophesy connection here in the book of Psalms, where Christ's **WHOLE PURPOSE and DELIGHT** was to perform the will of God, which is defined here as having the Law of God "within my heart". He obeyed from the heart the righteousness of God. This made him an overcomer. And we are to overcome even as Christ overcame!

Psalms 40:7 - 10: - "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book [it is] written of me, ***I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my heart.*** I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained

my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. ***I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;*** I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.”

John 15:10 & 11: - “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and [that] your joy might be full.”

Prior to his great trial of Faith, Jesus remembered his PURPOSE of why he came into the world, and this helped to sustain him through his severe test. By his Faith in His Purpose he overcame! He is our example.

John 12:27: - “Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.”

At the trial of Christ, Jesus reflected again on his High PURPOSE and MISSION. He had the DEDICATION, and therefore the MOTIVATION to succeed, whatever the cost. And so therefore his great love for Humanity caused him to yield up his Life for sinners.

John 18:36 & 37: - “Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? **Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**”

☞ To understand and appreciate the motivations, and PURPOSE of Christ, and witness his DEDICATION to these Holy things, we can see right into the overcoming mindset of our Great Pattern. And by contemplating Christ and his PURPOSE we can develop our own motivations, and PURPOSE and dedication, based upon a revelation of the True Christ, so that we can overcome as Jesus overcame.

As we have seen already, the purpose of Christ himself as revealed in Psalm 40 7 - 10 was to reveal to mankind how to keep the Law of God in righteousness. He revealed God's Law from the heart to the great congregation. We see here in 1 John, the simplicity of **Christ's purpose for his people**, and what he has revealed should be **their own purpose in their individual walks**.

If we know what purpose Christ wants IN His people, we cannot fail to be correctly motivated!

1 John 3:4 - 10: - “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. **And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.** Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him, **Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.** Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”

NOTE: - Jesus wants his people to stop sinning, and join with him in keeping God's Commandments!

1 John 2:6: - ***“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”***

If we then accept what Christ has said here, we will adopt the same MOTIVATION that caused Christ to be an overcomer. It is your Faith in Christ's authority, and purpose for his people, that will **cause** you to be an overcomer, just like HIM. We shall then truly appreciate Christ and his sacrifice, and by faith in his blood, we shall enter into the overcomer's path. By faith in Christ's blood we may decidedly enter into the path of freedom from sin.

1 John 1:5 - 10: - “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, *that God is light*, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ***But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

1 John 2:1 - 6: - “**My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for [the sins of] the whole world.** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”

Romans 6:16 - 18: - “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, **but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.**”

☞ Truly in the pathway of the overcomer, you will realise the following texts as your rule and MOTIVATION.

Psalms 119:10, 11: - “**With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.**”

Psalms 17:3: - “**Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited [me] in the night; thou hast tried me, [and] shalt find nothing; I am purposed [that] my mouth shall not transgress.**”

It is our purpose of faith that will cause us to cleave unto the Lord. And it will produce consistency in our walk.

Acts 11:21 - 24: - “And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. **Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.** For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.”

We need to understand and be motivated as was Christ, that **God has a holy purpose for our lives.** Unfortunately very few will realise and live by the Holy calling that God has sent out to all mankind.

Ephesians 1:3 - 7: - “Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.”

When we receive the True Christ and appreciate his mission and dedication, and his purpose for his people, and then walk as he walked, we shall become a child of God, **by the will of God.** We shall then continue to overcome sin and Satan, and be able to claim Revelation’s promises to the end.

John 1:9 - 13: - “[That] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”