

OVERCOMERS - PART 3

This paragraph from last weeks resource, is imperative to coming into experiencing the overcomer's life and life style. Outside of this reality, it is just us trying from our own strength to overcome and we will fail miserably through this flesh way.

'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.'

So the question must be asked, how does a follower of Jesus overcome and what is it that each follower is to overcome, if they are to receive the overcomer's inheritance?

The first answer is we overcome by faith.

1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

The second answer is we overcome the world, the flesh, and the adversary (Satan).

3 Goliaths which need to be overcome by faith. 3 Goliaths which left undefeated will wreak havoc and turmoil in our lives, so instead of being the overcomer in Christ, we will be overcome by these 3 Goliaths.

Let's tackle what faith is first in this resource and then look at the 3 Goliaths, in Part 4, that are to be overcome. What do the Scriptures declare are written in relation to faith?

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Faith is way more than believing in God's ability to perform on what He says. Faith has an absolute conviction, a KNOWING of everything promised that is concealed within the Christ and faith lays hold of these promises for itself. Faith possesses and lives from ALL that it receives in Him. This is why faith is the currency to the knowing of Jesus, our Messiah and the currency of His kingdom.

This is how the men of old gained their approval.

Hebrews 11:2 For by it (faith) the men of old gained approval.

The word 'By Faith' in Hebrews 11, is mentioned 24 times. This is how vital faith is when it comes to our fellowship with Christ and living a life of fellowship with God and others. Paul said that he now lived 'by

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faith' in Christ.

We are not to live by natural sight, but we are to live by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight

Faith is of the eternal while sight is of the temporal. This is the spiritual kind of faith which we must come into and live from if we are to be the overcomers of Revelation 2 and 3.

QUESTIONS

- 1. How does the description of faith in Hebrews 11:1, maybe, from what you have been taught faith is?
- 2. How do we get the faith described in Hebrews 11?
- 3. There are many testimonies of faith in Hebrews 11, share a testimony of faith from your own life with the group and how you came into this faith.
- 4. Why is it essential that we live by faith and not by sight?