

DEPRIVED IT OF POWER

Daily Meditation – Sunday December 7, 2025

John's Gospel is the most theological of the four Gospels. In John, chapters 14-16, we find Jesus' upper room discourse. Jesus says something, in the last two verses of that last chapter, I want to examine.

He says, "But take notice, the hour is coming, and it has arrived, when you will all be dispersed and scattered, every man to his own home, leaving Me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you]" (Jn. 16:32-33 AMPC). Wow, Jesus deprived it of power!

He closes with peace. A born-again individual can have peace in this life because peace is found in Christ and in no other place. You will not find peace in the church. You will not find peace in Christian service. Peace is found in the person of Jesus Christ. In the world ye shall have tribulation. Our Lord made that very clear. There is no peace in the world, only trouble. He was right, wasn't He? But He has overcome the world! His victory is our victory."¹

I want to give you two more powerful verses written by John, the revelator.

(1) "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith" (1 Jn. 5:4).²

(2) "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" (1 Jn. 4:4).

Allow me to give you a suggestion. Meditate the aforementioned verses over and over. Meditation is nourishment your soul needs and it builds faith, which allows you to see with your spiritual eyes in the realm of the spirit.

¹ *Thru the Bible with J. Vernon McGee*, (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1983), p. 476.

² All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!