









From Mt. Calv to Mt. Zion Calvary "The journey that the church has forgotten about"





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"READY".....

CONGRATULATIONS!

When was the last time you attended a race, a marathon or triathlon? Did it begin with all of the runners taking their places, all of them "GETTING SET" and just before the "GO" is announced; strangely enough, you do not hear that particular word "GO" but rather you hear a loud and exuberant "Congratulations!"

Actually that is not uncommon in today's church world. Each week in the pulpits across America, well-meaning ministers invite sinners to begin their journey of faith. The altar is opened and pleas for repentance goes forth to all those who wish to begin this RACE OF FAITH. However, after they make their trip to Mt. Calvary and decide to follow Jesus; after they decide to take their places in this race; after they "GET SET" in water baptism and all the church requirements of salvation are met . . .rather than being told about and being prepared for a race, they are patted on the back, slapped on the shoulders and told "Congratulations, here's your ticket to heaven, we'll meet you at the gate"

Forget the race, forget the running; even though we call it a "RACE TO BE RUN" we do not mention THE RUNNING to them. Now, perhaps you are amused at the scenario I mentioned above about the race. However, the church doesn't seemed as amused when they see this happen in their church services, rather they seem to drink the

koolaid of this deception. Although, this is the picture of salvation that your church presents, your Bible presents a dramatically different picture, one that this booklet will introduce you to. It is your job after reading these words to test it against the scriptures and see whether these things be so. You should never accept my writings or the writings of any man as TRUTH until you have proven those writings by the Word of Yahweh².

Our churches and ministers are guilty of giving people the reward of salvation much sooner than Christ plans to give this reward to believers. In this booklet we will discover from the scriptures when true salvation is granted and th whom it is granted. We must remember that "MANY ARE CALLED" but only a few will be "CHOSEN" for the First Harvest.³ All of those who make up the church system have been called, thus the meaning of the English word "Church"; the called out ones. However, not all of those in this called group will make up the chosen group. You

Modern Christianity begs men to Mt. Calvary and rightly so. However, they fail in urging men to leave Mt. Calvary and begin their march towards Mt. Zion which is where we see THE OVERCOMERS standing in the book of Revelation⁴. They have gone from CALLED TO CHOSEN. This group of people that we will learn about in this booklet realized that they were not called to Calvary to get saved but rather TO GET STARTED. This very special chosen group of people that you will soon learn about

ARE NOT CALLED TO Mt. Calvary to GET SAVED BUT RATHER TO GET STARTED

The original name of the Creator before the translators took that name out and replaced it with the generic title; God.

realized that they did not arrive at their goal at Mt. Calvary rather it is here on this mountain that they began their journey and "Press towards the goal of the high calling of God" and that goal is Mt. Zion,

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⁴ Rev 14:1

the Overcomers mountain; the Conquerors mountain. It is my desire that after reading this teaching you too will set your sights from called to chosen.

DEATH, ETERNAL RETIREMENT?

The majority of religions are in the death business; preparing the human population for life after death. However, it is surprising how little the mainstream of religion seems to actually know about death. The majority know what they have been taught about death by their traditions yet so few know what the Bible actually teaches.

In the *Christian church* death is thought of as sort of an eternal retirement on streets of gold with backyards of crystal rivers and trees of life bedecked with eternal fruit for our tasting. Each of us are promised our own mansion so that we can sit back and do absolutely nothing for as long as Yahweh lives. While this sounds grandiose and even desirous to those who have worked an entire lifetime; simply ask those who have been deposited into the nursing homes and retirement homes of America, ask them just how fun it is to have no goals, no career, no responsibilities and nothing that your working towards. While these images of heaven sound wonderful on the surface; truly imagine with me what an eternity would be like with no purpose and no goals and no productivity. Perhaps this would be blissful for the first million years but then what?

The truth is that YOU ARE NOT DYING TO RETIRE but you are dying to live an exciting and purpose filled life in eternity but first you will experience the thousand-year Millennial reign of Christ. You will return to life with the express purpose of working with Yahweh in the creation business. You will be called from your grave to take

your positions as kings⁵ of the government of Yahshua⁶. You are being prepared in this lifetime for a far more glorious, eternal purpose that perhaps you have ever understood before the reading of this booklet. You are being reaped in this first harvest of God's spiritual family so that together with Yahshua you will help to gather in the worldwide harvest of souls that will take place during His kingdom reign on the earth.

You will be part of the greatest ministry team that the world has ever known as you sit on the New Jerusalem counsel ruling the Nations with Christ as kings and priest. Only when you come to the complete understanding of your purpose in the next life, the millennium life will your purpose in this first life become clear to you. The reason that so many fail to understand the purpose of their lives is because they fail to understand the purpose of their next life.

You are not in God's church today to prepare for retirement but rather to be trained for your recruitment into the one-world, soon coming government of the Messiah of Israel; when He shall rule Along with us from the Holy City, from within the Bride herself and restore the earth and all of her inhabitants to the glories of Eden. None of this will happen without you! Yahshua is one entity and although He is the Son of God; He will not rule the nations alone. One Son of God was never the plan of Yahweh but rather many sons of God, all of them with Christ making up the royal family of Jerusalem. He will have a government formed with those who have served Him faithfully even while living under Lucifer's government. This little group of people who stood the test of faith and after a lifetime of being called all sort of dubious names, on the final day, they will be called by that new name as Overcomers, The Bride of Yahshua.

- 5 Rev 5:10
- We choose to use the original Hebrew name for Jesus
- 7 Rev 5:9

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This is the reason why our ministry is so pressed to get this Message out to the world because they are not hearing this message in today's church. The only message being preached is "Ready, Set, Congratulation" and the message that says "Hear, Hear, Come and Get your ticket to heaven by saying these few words." However, the true purpose of our salvation is not being preached to the church today and thus the reason why so many are not living victorious and overcoming lives; they have not been taught as I wasn't the importance of overcoming in this life.

They have been taught as I was that there will be no differences among people in the kingdom of God, everyone will get the same reward. The missionary who gave their lives for the gospel can expect no greater reward than the one who never even frequents the house of God or much less does any good works in the name of Christ.

Seven promises not given to all Christians... ONLY OVERCOMERS!

There is a group of churches being addressed in the second and third chapter of the book of Revelation. These are commonly referred to as the Seven Churches of Asia and we learn great truths from studying these churches as it related to the subject of this teaching; The Overcomers!

Let's turn to the corresponding verses and see what these seven promises are to whom they are given, specifically.

- 1. Rev 2:7 **First Promise**; **ETERNAL LIFE**!
 To Whom is this promise given? THE OVERCOMER
- 2. Rev 2:10 **Second Promise; ETERNAL LIFE!**To Whom is this promise given? THE OVERCOMER
- 3. Rev 2:11 **Third Promise; To NEVER DIE AGAIN!**To Whom is this promise given? THE OVERCOMER
- 4. Rev 2:17 Fourth Promise; To become the Bride of Christ in marriage with a wedding stone, and her husbands name.

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- 5. Rev 2:26-28 **FIFTH PROMISE**; **AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS, A PLACE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF CHRIST.**To Whom is this promise given? THE OVERCOMER
- 6. Rev 3:4-5 **SIXTH PROMISE**; **A NEW GARMENT TO REPRESENT A NEW POSITION IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**To Whom is this promise given? THE OVERCOMER
- 7. Rev 3:12 Seventh Promise; To be an integral part of the government of Yahshua; a pillar of the whole structure.

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As the scriptures above plainly prove; these promises are not given to believers at large or to a carnal minded church. Rather, these are positions of honor granted to those who dare I say, earn them! Being called is free but chosen will cost you everything.

Do you want to stand at the judgement seat of Christ without any works of faith? So many Christians have forgotten there is to be a judgement or what I prefer to call a "job interview" where your life

will be judged, your actions or your works will be weighed in the balances and you will be appointed to God's kingdom according to they works⁸. Also, before leaving this subject go back and read all of the references to these seven churches and in each instance Christ says the same thing - I KNOW THY WORKS!

OVERCOMERS OF WHAT?

So, what exactly are we to Overcome after we begin this race at Mt. Calvary? The first thing that comes to mind is Lucifer. However, that is the last of your worries! You see, Lucifer's defeat is already done, your defeat however is ongoing. God has a much harder time defeating YOU than He had defeating Satan. You need not worry about the outside forces of hell; they were dealt with at Calvary. The only power that Satan now has over your life is the power of suggestion. He speaks lies into the atmosphere and they fall to the

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ground the very moment that you recognize them as lies. The things that you must now Overcome is the part of you that refuses to submit to the sovereign will of Yahweh in your life.

The degrading pull of human nature will begin working in your members from the womb. For instance, the little child will begin to shows signs of stingi-

ness and rebellion before ever being taught such traits. Many small children get in trouble for taking things from a candy aisle even though they are told NO! Why? Because of the battle between the fallen nature and the risen nature.

You begin your life under the influences of your animal nature. The law of the jungle is the law whereby all of fallen nature lives. That

particular law says; if you hurt me, I hurt you! The jungle law is a law of survival; it is a law of madness; it is a law of evolution. In the jungle every man is his own defender and his own provider, the master of his own destiny. It is here that we live by a very animalistic nature of kill or be killed. It is here, in this place that the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life" are our masters to whom we submit our members. It is in this land of the teeming masses of humanity that so many sons of men anchor their faith; where we trust in no one nor anything. It is here, where we pray to no one but ourselves, we submit to nothing nor recognize any authority. In this land of flesh and carnality where we are selfish and look to get over on anyone who will allow us to. It is here that we submit to our own desires without thinking of a future consequence; THE LAND OF THE LAWLESS. The rules here are simply; if it feels good do it! The main goal in this jungle is our right to happiness at any cost rather than wholeness or holiness.

Rebellion is the main character of the jungle. Law and order falls prey to pride and power. The "way of get" is chosen over "the way of give" and it is here into this desolate jungle that you were born, in sin¹⁰. Therefore, in and of yourself, you are helpless against this tide of pride and this system of Satan. You know no other master than your own desires for pleasure. It is here, in the land of your birth that you submit to the seduction of fallen angels who must live their desires through you since they were robbed of their ability to co-exist with mankind after the flood. Hence the reason that the mass of humanity is over dosing on anything they can find; they just want to stop the madness.

However, there is another realm of existence that a few humans throughout history have escaped to; They've traded the law of the jungle for the law of faith. No longer is their faith in fate but rather in their Creator. There is another existence for the child of God who has began their change or their conversion at Mt.

9 I John 2:16

10 Psalms 58:3

Calvary. There is a secret place of faith where men learn to trust in their Heavenly Father. A place where tomorrow is not dependent upon our work but rather upon His grace. There is a realm where we choose to give rather than take; to love rather than hate and to heal rather than to steal. There is another dimension that elevates us from sons of men to sons of God and it is to this place that you have been called by the supernatural voice of the Holy Spirit.

That particular call to Calvary began supernaturally by grace; it called you from lawlessness to a keeper of Gods law. This act of grace beckons you to the starting point of your change; Mt. Calvary, faith in the sacrificial lamb of Yahweh. It is here where a change begins and that change will continue throughout the rest of your days on earth as you begin to OVERCOMER YOURSELF; where your new mantra in life is "not some of self and some of thee but none of self and all of thee". You will notice the change happening when you no longer have to "get back" at all of those who have hurt you. Also, when forgiveness for your enemies become more important to you than the death of your enemies. Obeying God and His righteous decrees will no longer seem like a burden to you but rather you will find great delight in keeping them because you have come to know that He desires nothing for you but the best.

But alas, I must tell you of another place even more dangerous and harder to overcome than the jungle; and that happens to be the bondage of religion and tradition. Oh yes, it is here to which you were born also. You came into a human family that has been securely trenched in their thinking about God and God's Word and they have raised you to think as they all do. You are told how to believe and what to believe; you were born a certain religion and you are to die a certain religion. This is harder to Overcome than the jungle of the sinful flesh, Why? Because this place supposedly has the stamp of God on it.

Whether you were born Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal and so forth you will be forced one day to look at the Word of God and compare it to your tradition. That day will be a scary day for most. Why? Because, if you see something in the Word that doesn't line up with your families tradition; you will have to make a choice! Trust me, it will be the hardest choice you ever make. People whom you thought loved you will show you their true colors if you try to leave the family religion or structure. However, there are some who do Overcome this place and they follow the Word of God, whatsoever it says.

Hardly will I ever forget when Yahweh began to teach me His Word, especially concerning His laws and His Sabbath; and I begin to see things in the Bible which didn't match up with my family religion. How easy it is to forget what you see and just keep from rocking the boat, what a great temptation that is to overcome! So many have failed to follow the Word of God and they have chosen the safe place of family tradition just as the Pharisees did when they rejected the Word of God. However, when the Bible tells us to "Come out from among her" He means what He says; He will not have a bride that will not follow Him.

Humans are animals; we become accustomed to patterns and habits and it is hard to get us to change. But change you must if you are going to be counted as an Overcomer.

Conversion & Sanctification

These are two words that have fallen into disuse in the mainstream church. However, most of your grandparents probably grew up hearing these words in the language of the church of their day.

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The simple truth is; You must be converted! This process of conversion or sanctification begins with a trip to *Mt. Calvary* where you recognize your need for a Savior; you experience godly sorrow for having violated His laws and precepts; your heart yearns to receive forgiveness. Men cannot make this first step on their own because the Bible tells us that "*no man seeks after God*" because it is not possible in our evil hearts to desire a Holy and righteous God; we prefer to keep that title unto ourselves and for ourselves.

Thus this is exactly what the scriptures mean when they tells us that we are "saved by faith" and that faith is granted to us by a supernatural gift of grace for which we did nothing to earn that gift. The calling is what breaks our hearts and leads us to repentance. This is the call that leads you out of Egypt, out of the jungle towards the altar of repentance and the waters of baptism. At this point of being baptized in the beautiful name of Yashua a very supernatural thing occurs; you are given HELP ON YOUR JOURNEY! At the moment of baptism and your act of obedience you are given the gift of the seed of God; the Holy Spirit.

This seed is planted within your mind which is your spirit and this seed has life in it. The life in this seed is the very life or essence of Yahweh and your mind is the garden in which this seed begins to take root. God comes to dwell in you by the agency of the Holy Spirit and abides in your mind now and "the same mind that was in Christ Jesus" begins developing in your own thinking. Old things begin becoming new; old habits, old ways of thinking; old patterns, they all become new. This is the evidence of the Holy Ghost when all things begin becoming new for you.

Within that little seed that is planted into your mind is all the power you need to complete this process of change; your sanctification or your conversion from animal; son of man to son of God!

12 Rom 3:11

13 I Peter 4:1

PLEASE KNOW THAT THIS CONVERSION IS NOT DONE WITH ONE TRIP TO THE ALTAR! This is done with a lifetime of trips to the prayer closet where you allow this seed to grow and grow until it overcomers your thinking. As this seed is growing it is through prayer and fasting and study of His Word that you will dig out the weeds of sin and doubt; thus allowing the seed to overtake you.

When is eternal life granted?

What a strange question, right? Don't we all know that you receive eternal life when you get saved and "accept Christ in your heart" However, what if that is not what the Bible says at all? What if we can show you the truth of this matter; would you be willing to learn? Eternal life is granted to Overcomers once they have "finished the race and kept the faith." Do you remember how we opened this booklet with a winner without a race? Do you remember how strange the phrase "READY, SET, CONGRATULATIONS" sounded to you? Yet, so many think nothing of the church offering THE CROWN OF LIFE before the race is ever run; thus deceiving millions and sending them to the judgement with a race not run¹⁵.

The scriptures tell us that the race or the prize is not given to the swift or to the strong¹⁶ but rather to "he that endures to the end"¹⁷. Many Christians have begun this race very swiftly, saving the world as they went along

- 14 II Tim 4:7
- 15 Gal 5:7
- 16 Ecc 9:11
- 17 Matt 10:22

I Cor 9:24 - Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

According to the above verse; when do you obtain the prize? Plainly, we win after, like Paul, have kept out faith and we let no man take our crown¹⁸ No one except Yahshua has immortality or eternal life¹⁹ and that includes you and I. We are humans, mortal humans that will die. However, the seed that is within us which is Christ Himself; the Holy Spirit, has eternal life in it and "IF" that seed remain in us and we remain in that seed then it is this very seed or spirit that shall raise us up to eternal life. When reading the verse below, notice the big "IF"

Rom 8:11 - But IF the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead DWELL (REMAINS) IN YOU, he that raised up Christ from the dead SHALL ALSO QUICKEN your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Did you read it slowly? Allot of "if's" in this verse, allot of conditions to be met to qualify for this resurrection. Basically, the seed that was planted in you at conversion or baptism or repentance must REMAIN in you! There is a reason that Satan's ministers of light hate this Message because if you teach this to people then the numbers will dwindle and the big business of church will stop and the coffers will dry up and people who refuse to submit to the law of God will refuse such a message.

Titus 3:7 - That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to <u>THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE</u>.

The church today is taught that they received eternal life and was "saved" at Mt. Calvary: however, what you actually received was a hope of eternal life or a seed that must remain in you and within that seed is eternal life. You have no eternal life without the abiding

18	Rev 3:11
19	I Tim 6:16

presence of the seed of eternal life; the Holy Spirit of Yahweh. The Crown of Life is a reward given to Overcomers not to simply "The Comers" those who simply came to the altar.

Men who qualified!

Did you know that King David is going to be resurrected and given a millennial position as King over the physical nation of Israel?²⁰ Absolutely, it is a beautiful thing to understand. The very throne that David qualified for in this lifetime is the throne that he will occupy during the Millennium.

David was a man that fell into sin; However, He has such a love for God's law that he "meditated on them day and night." As a result the moment he came to his senses to realize that he has violated the laws of God from the prophet Nathan; he fell on his face and repented for days. He changed his life and overcame himself and qualified to rule and reign with Christ. Whereas Saul who

was first called to the throne failed to qualify and therefore will not inherit this throne during the Kingdom age. Not only was David called from keeping his fathers sheep but he was also chosen because he proved to be a man after God's own heart. He loved what God loved; Gods law.

This is what you must understand! What you qualify for in this life is what you will be doing in your next life. This is the purpose of your life; training for reigning and schooling for ruling. Sadly, because of the teachings of the modern church very few are aware of this truth nor are they working to receive their reward.

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Not only David but also The Twelve Apostles. These were men who had to make the conversion from carnal minded, selfish humans to overcoming sons of God. They did not make that conversion overnight; they all received the Holy Spirit to help them just as you must do. However, they did qualify for a position in Gods future government because of the lives they lived in this earthly journey.²¹

But doesn't the scriptures tell us that we are not saved by our works? Our original calling to God was completely without works; that was a free gift. However, we are not speaking in this booklet about that original calling or the starting point; we are speaking rather of that finishing point which is run by faith and evidenced by works. Notice that this same writer who wrote the verse about us not being saved by works in Titus 3:5; immediately afterwards tell us that because of that free calling we are now made HEIRS, not inheritors yet but heirs. Heirs of what? THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE²²! What we received free was the calling but what we will receive will cost us everything.

Also one should note that the Jews indeed believed themselves to be saved by works. However, not quite the works that you are probably thinking of. They would place their faith for salvation in the works of the priest who offered animal sacrifices in their stead. These priest were probably the hardest working people in Israel, night and day they worked in shifts to kill and butcher enough animals to atone for the peoples sins.

This WORK of RIGHTEOUSNESS is where the Jews placed their faith rather than in the finished work of Christ sacrifice at Calvary. It was this work that Paul fought so hard to destroy.

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21 Luke 22:28-30 & Acts 1:15-26
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²² I Tim 3:7

So, is God a respecter of person?

This is one of the first stumbling blocks we run into when teaching this concept of Overcomers. We are so used to throwing out our one or two scriptures to defend a point that we fail to see if these scriptures fit into the grand scheme of things.

If God is going to grant greater rewards to some and not to others; If in fact some will have more authority in His kingdom than others then what about the scripture that tells us He shows no favor.

Well, let's begin with saying that unless you are granted a position higher than King David, then He has already shown partiality because David will rule over ALL of Israel. Is that not partiality? The truth is that such a notion is silly at best and preposterous at worst. Let's think about this. If you were going to build a large company and needed competent people that you could trust; people that you had watched their professional character and you wanted them to stand with you. Would you be showing partiality to those that you chose based on their person or rather based on their performance?

When the scriptures tell us that God is no "respecter of person" if you do your research you will find that actually Yahweh is not "impressed with your facade or your image. or your lineage" Why? Because He knows the real you; "your person" is the image you portray to others to impress them. However, what God is impressed with and what He is a respecter of is your character which is normally entirely different than your image or person.

Yahshua is going to build the biggest government the world has ever known; it will be a One-World government when He returns. This government will be made up of tried and proven saints who

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have kept the faith when they didn't have to. These folks said "yes Sir" to Christ while He was gone in body; they obeyed every Word unto death. This government of saints will not be rebellious in their nature but rather they will have been broken and surrendered in this lifetime of service to Christ. These will be chosen to stand with Him and to rule the nations. If you think for one second He will choose someone who still has rebellion and anger in their hearts; someone with the law of the jungle living in them then you are sorely mistaken. This is not "respecter of person" but rather respecter of character and only a fool would choose you by your person or image rather than your character.

Was God a "respecter of person" when He chose Israel above all other nations? Was He a "respecter of persons' when He called Abraham His friend while not giving that title to others? No, He chose Abraham because He saw that Abraham would OBEY GOD and keep His commandments. This is the very litmus test by which you and I will pass under at the judgement seat of Christ.

Did Yashua not tell us in His teachings while standing on the Mt. of Olives that there would be some considered "least in His kingdom" and some considered "greater"? Of course He did! Then He goes on to tell us why they will receive this difference. Anyone who breaks His commandments and teaches men to break even the smallest one will be given a lesser position but those who keep the commandments and teach men to do so will be given a greater position in His government. ²³

When this glorious light of understanding begins to shine on your walk of faith and you truly understand what God is using His church to prepare you for then you will notice a new desire and a fresh zeal to be pleasing to the Father.

PLEASING THE HEART OF THE FATHER

There must come a time of realization in your life that this whole Christian experience is about so much more than simply "being saved" you must get past asking this RELIGIOUS question "Is that a salvation issue?" Rather, you must get to the RELATIONSHIP question - "Is that pleasing to my Heavenly Father?" So many Christians are on this "train to glory" for the free ride rather than running this race for the prize of hearing Him say "Well done." Have you ever thought about those words "Well done?" It means, you did good! He is pleased with your work! You actions measured up to your faith; you lived your life pleasing unto the holiness of God.

Be very careful of this lie of modern Christianity as told from the most famous of ministers; "God does not care how you live because He knows you cannot live according to His laws. He only cares how Christ lived and therefore if you are in Christ you are holy without having to do anything." I beg you to run as far away from that lie as you can because the Apostles warned us of these men in the last days who would "turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness (a license to sin, to live without law)"

Our Heavenly Father is no psychopath who gave us laws that we could not abide by. My goodness, there are only ten of them and they really are not that difficult. The scriptures tell us that "the commandments of God are not hard." As a matter of fact there were men, mere humans who kept the commandments before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

God says about Abraham "Because you have kept my commandments, my laws and my statutes" You see, Abraham was a friend of God because He kept and loved the laws of God and if he broke one in a moment of weakness he immediately recognized his sin and with godly sorrow confessed it before his Creator.

The only ones who cannot keep the laws of God are the ones who do not love the laws of God but rather chooses to love the grace of God; failing to realize that Gods grace gives us the ability to obey His laws. Scriptures tell us that the "grace or goodness of God leads us to repentance." What is repentance? When we stop and turn around from breaking His commandments. This is the purpose of grace!

You and I are without excuse when we stand before Yahweh because we have something that the even the Old Testament Heroes of faith did not have; the infilling of the Holy Spirit of God in our minds. We have supernatural help to live the laws of God. Rather than being written on stone in some museum for us to memorize; they now live in us, they are part of us, they are our new nature.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When the Holy Spirit came in He wrote His laws in our minds so that they would begin working themselves out in our actions. We are now new creatures in Christ, no longer slaves to sin or commandment breaking. We are no longer yes men to our flesh we are escaping from that jungle law and entering into the law of faith and obedience.

So many Christians of this new mind set of lawlessness look for the exception rather than the rule. When they read words like this that demand so much of us immediately they begin with the

WHAT IF'S. "Well, Bro. Vaughn, what if we break the commandments or what if we fail and make a mistake?" Of course you will fall beloved, of course you will need mercy on your journey and never will you need more than I've needed. However, sadly this is the mentality of the church; looking to stay in the flesh rather than to over come it. They would rather dwell in the possibility of failure rather than truly believe that they now have "power over sin." Why is it so ingrained in us that we must submit to sin? I respectfully ask you; what is the purpose of the infilling of the Holy GHOST? Sadly, the modern church says; "That we might speak in tongues and heal the sick" and yet that has nothing to do with THE PURPOSE of the Holy Spirit because even witch doctors can do all of that without needing the Holy Spirit. However, He has come to give you power over sin; to bring you out of the jungle; to ELEVATE YOU; TO CHANGE YOU AND TO BRING YOU INTO MATURITY AND PERFECTION.

However, if you fail! If you without premeditation happen to fall short . . . then THANKS BE TO GOD; you have a pardon for that sin already paid for ONCE IT HAS BEEN CONFESSED! Your confession proves your heart just as it did David's. You must name that sin; confront it, hate it and ask the Holy Spirit to give you victory over it and YOU WILL OVERCOMER IT! Why? Because you must.

One has to wonder no more why we have so many Christians bound by addictions and strongholds in their lives. Simply listen to the preaching that they hear today; "God understands, God loves you just like you are and expects nothing more than you can give" This is pure poppycock, the sophistry of Satan and the contumelious lies of hell. Yes, God loves you more than your mind can fathom. He loves you so much that He will force you into the better you; He expects you to rise above your excuse and to become what He created you to be, not a son of man but a son of God!

What loving parent continues to enable a child for failure? That

isn't love that's laziness because it is easier to enable than it is to make demands. God is so in love with you that He sent His son to pay the debt for your "past sins" and then He came in the manifestation of the Holy Spirit and lived inside of you to help you overcome all future sins. When you fall and we all have; bow your knee and allow godly sorrow to fill your heart as you confess your sin to the Father and make his heart proud.

PILLARS IN THE TEMPLE

Rev 3:10 - 12

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth



Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

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

This is the plans that God has for you! Everyone wants to know "What is God's will for my life" and yet no one wants the answer. God's plans for you in this life is to shape your character to where there will not be one chance in His eternal kingdom of another rebellion. You will have been tested in the crucible of this life, in the fires of Satan's torment and the pressures of constant struggle and found to be fully submitted to the will of Yahweh. All rebellion will be surrendered and you will have become a willing servant

with a servants heart. Why? Because in the kingdom of God only those who are servants can be kingdom leaders. The kingdom of Satan is ruled by men who wish to be leaders without being servants. This leads to abuse of power and authority and if you are going to be granted much authority in the coming Kingdom of God then you must have the true heart of a servant.

Yahweh is choosing a Bride for His son, a chosen people from among the called out church who will make up a very special place in this coming kingdom; He refers to them not as His temple but rather as <u>The Main Part</u> of the integral structure of His future government. You and I are living in the most wicked of all days that any era of God's church has lived through. There is a famine in our land of the pure Word of God, the lamps have gone out; no one is wanting to buy truth, they prefer the lies for free. However, hidden away in the remotest places along the seasides and in the country vales; hidden among the mountains and the desert sands there is an awakening happening among a very certain group of elect people; the Bride of Yahshua. There is midnight cry going forth that is calling the sleeping virgin to her senses and in that cry she is hearing; *Back to the Word, Back to the law of God, Back to obedience and holiness, back to Truth*!

This group of Overcomers in our church age will join with the Heroes of faith, the Apostles, the Martyrs and the early church as an overcoming group, united in our victory over the flesh, the mind, the evil one and the legions of tormenting spirits. Millions who have gone before will be rushing to give us honor for what we overcame. While many in our age are waiting and desirous to meet with Paul and David and Yahshua and so many others to ask them so many questions; it is actually those great heroes of faith who will be rushing to you to congratulate you for making it through the hardest period of the church; the age of no faith, the age of deception, the age of hardness and coldness; they will want to know how you made it over!

Now, we must ask this pestering question the beleaguers the mind. If the Overcomers will be the Pillars in the temple; then who will make up the actual temple? This is a question that modern Christianity is not prepared to answer for us because it would cause them to completely overhaul their thinking on the Kingdom of God. The truth is that there will be many in the coming kingdom of God who will not serve in the bridal government. They are referred to in the book of Revelation as "*The nations of the saved*" As badly as the modern church hates to deal with this there will be "least in the kingdom" there will be those who receive special privilege for having lived an overcoming life; they are referred to as Pillars in the Temple. Which group do you wish to belong to; the least or the greatest in the Kingdom of Yahweh? You will make that choice not in words but in actions!

The rest of the promise

Now it would serve us well to read the next part of this promise made to the Overcomers in the verse above. After we are promised to be Pillars we are then given an even greater promise - to NEVER lose this position. We shall never be put outside of the city of God, we shall hold this position for all of eternity! Oh the wonders of Gods word. Think about it beloved; for a short lifetime of right choices and submission to God; we received an eternal reward of working with Christ and never leaving His side. Notice the special place assigned to the Overcoming pillars of the new kingdom. We are granted a position in the New Headquarters of His government. This shall be our eternal abode and our insignia.

If you will remember one of the promises to the 144,000 is to "ever be with Yahshua wheresoever He goeth" giving further credence to

our teaching on who the 144,000 actually are. Feel free to order our free booklet on this vital subject. If we are counted worthy to rule and reign with Yahshua in His new government then we have a glorious promise in the above verse; because our character has been proven and our mind has been converted by the Holy Spirit there will never be a reason to put us out of this position. We have been changed from our dirt and flesh creation into our golden creation.

But wait, there is yet more to this wonderful promise for the Overcomers. We are told as we continue to read we are told that we will receive a very special name upon us and that name shall be called THE NEW JERUSALEM. This is further evidence to give tenability to our teaching WHO IS THE NEW JERUSALEM, please order that teaching booklet. According to this promise only a choice people will receive the name, New Jerusalem. The overcoming bride of Yashua will be The New Jerusalem; they will be the city of God wherein Yahweh chooses to dwell; He shall tabernacle with them and they shall be THE CITY OF GOD. Oh the wonder of it!

As we close this writing, may I for a moment plead with you. God's true church which has come out of the Babylonian false religions has always been referred to as "The Little Flock." Why does He choose that moniker to call us by? Because, there is one virtue that will outshine them all at the judgement, FAITHFULNESS! I write to you little children to remain faithful. Contrary to what the modern hawkers of religion try to sell you; this is a small number, this is a little flock and not many will find this crucified way. The cost is great and you will lose family and friends when you decide to completely follow Yahshua's teachings. It is indeed kewl to be religious but it is altogether different to be in a relationship of obedience to our heavenly bridegroom.

Luke 16:10 - He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much

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Please read the preceding verse again and with a careful mind. The reason that faithfulness to the smallest things matter to Yaweh is because if someone is faithful in what doesn't seem to matter, He can trust them to be faithful in what really matters; His future, coming Kingdom on earth. There will be responsibilities given out in that kingdom that will boggle the minds of mortals. Such glory and such honor await the faithful saints. Such a ministry of worldwide evangelism await you; an ingathering of souls such as the world has never seen and you will be part of that ministry. However, if you cannot be faithful in what seems like unimportant matters of the church right now, there will be no place for you in God's government.

Well done my good and faithful servant. This is what Christ is looking for, a faithful flock. Faithful to what, you ask?

- To his Word
- To His Commandments
- To the giving of His First fruit offerings
- To the sacraments of the church
- To the assembling of yourselves together on His Sabbath
- To your good works in the community
- To prayer and fasting
- To loving your neighbor as much as yourself.

So let us all hold fast to the responsibilities given to us. The Bible says "Whatever your hand finds to do; do it with all your heart" we should do everything as the Bible says "unto the Lord". The way you perform your Christian duties are just as important as HOW you perform them. Let all of our works for Christ be done not unto men but unto Christ. When we support the work of the Church we are supporting the work of Christ. When we love those who need our love, we are loving Christ.

I must digress to mention a dear missionary who works in our ministry as an evangelist also. This dear lady of faith works tirelessly in our community and in our ministry to help change lives. I have watched her give until the point of exhaustion to help needy people. Sister. Connie Lyons has worked tirelessly to show forth the love of God. Also, to my wife and I she serves our ministry in any capacity that we ask of her. I watch her faithfulness to Christian work and I find myself provoked to do more for things of eternal value.

If you are reading this writing then I believe it is by divine appointment. You are being compelled to get past your desire for salvation and rather reach higher, towards a desire to be pleasing to God. You need a passion to please His heart and to obey His law and His Word. Only when you find this place beyond selfishness will you find the dwelling place of Overcomers.

Always remember; God will not make you what you are not willing to become. If you are not willing to serve with Yashua throughout the coming Sabbath Millennium Day then He will not call on you to serve now. He will not force upon you what you do not wish to become. However, if your prayer is "Lord use me" then please do not get upset once the test of your faith begins. This test is to prove if your vessel is worthy of use.

May you all reach higher and go for the greater of goal. May each of you begin at Mt. Calvary and finish at Mt. Zion; it is my prayer that I will see you there!

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