

The Bible has an Old Testament and a New Testament, which can also be described as a will or a covenant. It is God's guidebook for mankind to live on earth and to prepare for the afterlife. After many years of study, I have come to realize that God has three main roles for mankind as seen in Genesis 1 and also through the life of Christ in us. A **RELATIONSHIP** with God makes it possible.

Here is a summary of the **3 R's of Christianity**. Jesus himself fulfilled all three while he walked this earth. He fully reflected the image of God the Father, overcame all obstacles and made disciples. This is a brief message about how to reign over all the circumstances of life.

- **REFLECT** God's image / conformed to Christ's image - Romans 8:28-29, Luke 6:40
- **REIGN** in life / live as an over comer, not conformed to the world - 1 John 5:4-5, Romans 12:1-2
- **REPRODUCE** / Be fruitful and multiply, make disciples

'....those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.' - Romans 5:17

Jesus was made sin so that in him we might be made the righteousness of God. - 2 Cor. 5:21

The only thing we can bring to Christ before we receive him as Savior and King is our filthy rags, but when we accept his blood covenant inheritance based on his death and resurrection, we receive his **robe of righteousness**. We are no longer a helpless beggar, but a child of the King! We have his divine favor and confidence to walk in boldness and authority, not only in to God's presence but also against the forces of darkness. - Revelation 12:11 **Blood covenant, Believers Confession and Commitment**

'Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory (nike) that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.' - 1 John 5:4-5

In Jesus' message to the seven churches in Revelation chapters 2-3, he promises rewards to overcomers. They must be disciplined, dedicated and persistent as they live for the ultimate rewards of success. Olympic athletes exhibit such qualities. The apostle Paul used such analogies and even lived that way as an ambassador for the cause of Christ. He kept his eye on the goal to glorify Christ and live for the cause of the kingdom of God. He sacrificed comfort and pleasures to bring pleasure to God as he travelled his world to spread the good news of Jesus. His reward is great. We recently wrote about how David killed the wicked giant Goliath. His reward from the king was great wealth, marriage to his daughter and he was exempt from paying taxes! 1 Samuel 17:25. Our king does bless us in many ways in this life, but our greatest benefits are literally 'out of this world'.

Cartoon: "The Roadrunner was an overcomer over Wile E. Coyote", who sought to kill Roadrunner in various ways but always failed. I saw the same parallel for the last several years as one group tried to stymie their chief political opponent through various means. As it progressed, it even took on demonic dimensions as they sought to kill him. However, he almost seemed to have a shield around him, much like George Washington, who escaped from several bullets shot at him. God had a destiny for him that would effect this nation. The recent American election has been described by some as one of the greatest political comebacks. It would be wise to pray for this 'real roadrunner' who held over 900 rallies. May God protect him and cause him to fulfill the destiny that God has for him.

There is a much greater comeback that we must never forget. Jesus Christ overcame all temptations, attacks and even death, hell and the grave. He is the ultimate overcomer who deserves and will receive the greatest honor of all time. He is worthy to receive the reward for his suffering

Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and King.

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