

## Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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## Made Overcomers By the Word of the Lord

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (Jn 1.1).

[The Word] Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (Jn 14.6).

[The Word] Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live (Jn 11.25).

And Jesus [the Word] said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst (Jn 6.35).

**Jesus showed the power of the Word** in the wilderness. Although He, Himself is the Living Word, Jesus spoke the written Word to Satan and defeated him. Satan could not stand against the Word of the Lord. He never had a response to the Word but changed the subject, and each time, Jesus spoke the Word and defeated the enemy.

It is essential for God's people to have the living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ and His written Word abiding within. Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (Jn 15.7).

In preparation for the call of God on his life, Timothy was instructed to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim 2.15). He would need the strength and power of the Word to fulfill God's call and be an overcomer.

We are made overcomers by the Word of the Lord, but we are overcomers only if we have hidden the Word of the Lord in our hearts (Ps 119.11) and are living the Word in our lives, reading His Word daily, eating the Word as did Jeremiah (15.16) and Ezekiel (3.1-3). When the Word is deeply rooted within us, when we speak the Word through the power of the Holy Spirit, the enemy is defeated; and we are overcomers in Christ Jesus.

In his first epistle, John wrote to the young men, "... I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one... I have written unto you, young

I ask you, have you been made an overcomer by the Word of the Lord Jesus? Have you eaten the Word until it has become a powerful presence abiding within you? Are others overcomers by the Word of the Lord because you, an overcomer by the Word of the Lord, have His Word flowing through you?

We are made overcomers by the power of His Word working in us and flowing out to strengthen others in the Body of Christ. We **are** overcomers by the Word of the Lord.

### By the Word of the Lord

By the Word of the Lord, we are made overcomers.  
By the Word of the Lord, we are able to stand.  
He liveth forever and He reigneth eternal.  
He has made his appearing, and He's coming again.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31)

men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (I Jn 2.13, 14).

Let us look at the passage in Ezekiel, Chapters Two and Three. Ezekiel was commanded to speak God's words to the rebellious house of Israel, "But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee: Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. And when I looked, behold an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein" (Eze 2.7-9).

Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.

So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat *[it]*; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness (Eze 3.1-3).

Notice that it was not until after he had eaten the roll and was filled with the Word that he was given the order to " . . . go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them" (Eze 3.4). Not only was he to speak God's words to Israel, but also he was to receive God's Word into his own heart and hear with his own ears (Eze 3.10). The Word of the Lord must do a work in our own hearts and lives and must conform us to His Word before it can flow through us with the power of the Holy Spirit to change the lives of others.

The Word is powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (Eph 6.17). We are to put on the whole armor of God, put on Jesus Christ, the Living Word and read His Word daily as a way of life.

Looking at God's people, that great cloud of witnesses, we experience those who were made overcomers by the Word of the Lord.

**Moses** was made an overcomer by the Word of the Lord when he heard the words, Take off your shoes for the ground on which you stand is holy. He was strengthened to go on by the Word of the Lord because he had the heart to hear the word of the Lord.

**Joshua** was an overcomer by the Word of the Lord when he heard the Word of the Lord:

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *[is]* with thee whithersoever thou goest (Jos 1.9).

**Deborah** was an overcomer by the Word of the Lord as she had the courage to tell Barak what he was to do. Because she went with him in the strength of the Lord and knew what the Lord was going to do in winning the battle, she was an overcomer by the Word of the Lord in her life as a wife, a prophetess, and a judge over Israel.

**Elisha** was an overcomer by the Word of the Lord and received a double portion of the Spirit of God through Elijah. Even in his death he was an overcomer as the power of his life went beyond the grave.

And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band *[of men]*; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet (II K 13.21).

**Zerubbabel, Joshua, and the chief men of Israel** were overcomers when they denied their enemies' request to join them in building the temple. They answered their enemies, "...ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the Lord God of Israel..." (Ezra 4.3)

**Nehemiah** was an overcomer by the Word of the Lord as he had the courage and the strength to say to the heathen and pagans who knew not the God of Israel, "I am doing a great work; why should I waste time to come down and talk with you? (Neh 6.1-3).

**Esther** was an overcomer by the Word of the Lord as she acted on the word of the Lord through Mordecai and stood before the king, putting her life on the line, and won the battle for the entire nation of Israel.

**Isaiah** was an overcomer by the Word of the Lord as he stood before the Mercyseat in the presence of the glory of the Lord, experiencing the glory of the Lord and seeing his sinfulness, weeping before the throne of grace and there being made whole in the Lord at the foot of the Cross. He could then say, Here am I, Lord, send me (Isa 6.1-8).

**Paul** was made an overcomer by the Word of the Lord as he stood upon the Word of the Lord before kings and councils and gave forth the mighty, mighty Word.

**Stephen** was an overcomer by the Word of the Lord as he preached so mightily the truth that pierced the hearts of the Pharisees and as he saw the face of Jesus as he, Stephen, went to be with Jesus.

**Peter** was an overcomer by the Word of the Lord as he went from denying his Lord to being strengthened to die for his Lord on a cross, upside down, because he knew he was not worthy to die as his Lord did.

**All who know** Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who are walking with Him and in His Word are overcomers by the Word of the Lord and shall stand with that great cloud of witnesses (Heb 11.1) in Revelation 7.9-17, walking in His strength, being not dismayed, fearing not. We shall walk from eternity to eternity, from the now as we walk with Jesus and into heaven forevermore when we are made overcomers by the Word of the Lord.