

He That Overcometh

I. Introduction:

- A. We could choose to focus on the struggle of life in this world (**John 16:33**).
 - 1. We could think about “*much tribulation*” [affliction; anguish; burden; persecution; trouble (Strong’s # 2347)] (**Acts 14:22**).
 - 2. We could focus on the struggles we share (**II Timothy 3:12** and **I Peter 5:8-9**).
 - 3. All of that just leads to fear, anxiety, etc. (**II Corinthians 7:4-6**).
- B. What if we choose to redirect our minds to victory (**I Corinthians 15:50-58**)?
 - 1. We’d think beyond the flesh and blood to find peace (**Romans 8:6**).
 - 2. We’d not be so easily moved (**I Corinthians 16:13**).

II. Body: *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches”...*
Notice: **Revelation 2:10-11**, **Revelation 2:24-26**, **Revelation 3:4-5**, and **Revelation 21:6-7**.

- A. Don’t be like Israel of old and get stuck in fear (**Deuteronomy 1:19-33**).
 - 1. Proper fear has its place (**Psalms 111:10** and **Hebrews 12:28-29**).
 - 2. Carnal fear however does not have a place as we see Jesus teaching those working with Him (**Luke 12:22-34**).
 - 3. The “fearful” are not over-comers (**Revelation 21:8**).
 - 4. Let the love of God work against carnal fear (**I John 4:10-18**).
- B. Remember whose you are (**I John 5:19**) and think on that (**Isaiah 26:3**).
 - 1. Consider Paul’s mindset while imprisoned (**II Timothy 1:8-13**; cf. **John 10:27-30** and **I Peter 4:16-19**).
 - 2. While Abraham had his moments, he became fully persuaded and it was imputed [reckoned] to him for righteousness (**Romans 4:13-22**).
 - 3. Faith moves us forward (**Hebrews 11:7**) and acts as a shield (**Ephesians 6:16**).
 - 4. That enabled faith brings about those good works that will be rewarded (**Titus 3:8** and **Matthew 16:24-27**).
- C. Looking forward to a rest for our souls (i.e. **Matthew 11:28-30**).
 - 1. Rest comes to those whom have labored (**Hebrews 4:9-11**).
 - 2. Therefore, if Jesus were to come today, let Him find you so doing (**Matthew 24:44-51**).

III. Conclusion: **I John 5:1-5** and **Revelation 3:21**