

Empowering People to Change the World

# **Destined to Overcome Part 1**

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- This life is all about overcoming. God is training us for reigning with Him in eternity.
- This world is given over to the evil one and God has placed us here to bring the Kingdom of God through a battle of overcoming forces that are arrayed against God.

2 Corinthian 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Luke 4:5-7 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours."

- Satan and his demonic powers have authority on the earth. It has been given over to Satan when Adam gave up his right by sinning.
- This is where you and I were seated, in the earth, captured to the flesh, captured to spirit of this age.
- But we have been "made alive in Christ."
- We have been promoted to a new place.
- We have been given a new inheritance of riches, power, and authority.

# **Ephesians 1-2 The Manifesto of the Authority of the Believer/Overcomer**

Let's Read and take note of our Spiritual Blessings in Ephesians 1

Vs. 3 "Every Spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"

- These are the privileges, resources, power, and authority that are yours.
- Are you experiencing all of God's blessings?
- It's all about being "in Him" 7x over the next 11 verses.
- Write down all of these spiritual blessings as I read it ...

## Vs. 15ff Now we Move into Paul's Prayers and our Authority

# We are on the Throne of Authority with Christ

### **Ephesians 1:20-2:7**

- This resurrection of Christ elevated Him to the right hand.
- He made us alive and raised us up to that place, sharing His authority with us.

#### We have the DNA of Jesus

- When we surrender our lives to Christ, He comes to live within us through His Holy Spirit.
- This is the same Holy Spirit that empowered Christ on earth.
- We are "born again" reborn into Christ.
- No angels, principalities, or powers in the heavenly realm have the genes of Christ. They are only created beings, but we are created and regenerated into a new humanity, a co-regent with Christ over the earth.

#### Matthew 16:18-19

- Overcoming the gates of hell
- We have been given the keys of the Kingdom
- To bind and loose on earth

- Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
- Christ came as the Second Adam to restore His power and authority on the earth through His Church.
- Don't miss this: You are called to overcome every obstacle in your life! You can even overcome Satan!

Jesus said, "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

- God is building a church of men and women who know their authority and power in Christ.
- You can become an overcomer over demonic forces that oppose you.
- · Keys denote authority.
- The Church has a new authority through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ to "bind" and "loose" on earth, that reverberates in heaven.

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

1 John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 5:4-5 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

•	about our purpose, position, power, and authority