

## *The Overcome Overcomers*



Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.  
(Proverbs 29:18)

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. (Revelation 1:1-3)

## Introduction

If you're looking for a timely vision promising blessing to the New Testament body of Christ, where can you be sure that you can find one? Contrary to popular opinion, this vision won't be found in corporately controlled religious bookstores, multi-headed government ruled 501-c3 religious organizations called *churches* or 501-c3 parachurch organizations. Prophetic vision is promised to us from [the Revelation!](#)

Both [Proverbs 29:18](#) and [Revelation 1:1-3](#) associate blessing or happiness with obedience to prophetic vision. [Proverbs 29:18](#) is often used inappropriately by church leadership, however, to encourage local church members to support a vision of change they want to occur within the church. If you're a 501-c3 corporate pastor or church leader, please understand that vision in the context of [Proverbs 29:18](#) isn't the materially beautiful vision of church growth that might be found in a new evangelical publication. No; true beauty is understood and appreciated by pure hearts that rejoice as their mind understands the underlying godliness in someone's life or work.

Scripture illustrates true beauty in Christ's bride, the holy city New Jerusalem. New Jerusalem will descend out of heaven from God to earth. This city's beauty lies in the godly character and actions of its citizens. New Jerusalem will be beautifully clothed in white linen representative of the righteousness of saints. ([Revelation 19:7-8](#); [Revelation 21:2-27](#); [Isaiah 62](#))

True beauty can also be illustrated within the realm of real estate. The mind of Christ is able to see true beauty in property considered ugly by carnal minds because it knows the Christ-like character of those owning the property. A modest property in which holy Christians live has a beauty about it that an attractive, overly mortgaged property inhabited by whorish compromisers of biblical truth lacks.

Many of what are considered nice, beautiful properties are mortgaged by a husband compromising biblical principles in order to keep his job and a wife sacrificing her biblical role as a "keeper at home" and home educator of children in order to work outside the home. Such homes are often empty, lonely places in which the children are placed in schools which, to varying degrees, indoctrinate their formative minds in unbiblical antichristian ideas, values and behaviors. ([Titus 2](#))

On the national level, a country like America compromising God's moral law and just legal principles for the sake of material prosperity and power isn't truly beautiful. It's like a gold jewel in a pig's nose; an attractive whore spreading destructive immorality to those it has relations with. ([Proverbs 11:22](#); [Revelation 17:1-5](#)) When such a nation uses the name of Christ and unrepentantly betrays the Lord through the continuation of antichristian policies and actions; she falls under demonic control and eventually reaps God's judgment.

The same is true of professing Christian ministries and groups of Christians which compromise God's moral law and just legal principles, even unfairly censoring fellow professing Christians; for the sake of material prosperity and or power. ([Revelation 18:2-10](#); [1 Corinthians 10:1-12](#)) Material prosperity without moral purity is distasteful to a holy God and is spewed from His mouth unless repentance occurs. ([Revelation 3:14-19](#))

The vision of Revelation isn't aligned with the covertly devilish human centered psychological or esoteric principles underlying seeker friendly, purpose driven, outcome based, desire duped, ornamentally beautiful "Luciferian Christianity" either. ([Ezekiel 28:14-17](#), [Isaiah 14:12-14](#))

The vision referred to in [Proverbs 29:18](#) is a prophetic word or revelation from God given to the body of Christ through members, who, by the grace of God, have received the gift of prophecy.

*Prophecy* is defined by scripture itself as the ability to interpret and communicate biblical truth for the purposes of edification, exhortation and comfort and to reprove, rebuke, correct and prepare the church for future battle. Prophecy reveals the mind of God regarding the matter at hand. Its truth is confirmed by its hearers themselves as they judge the content of a message against scripture alone rather than against what popularly accepted man-made religious authority believes. ([Romans 12:6](#); [1 Corinthians 12:10](#); [1 Corinthians 14:1-12](#); [I Corinthians 14:26-33](#); [John 16:8](#); [Ephesians 5:11](#); [2 Timothy 4:2](#); [Acts 2:17](#))

Webster's 1828 Dictionary defined *vision* in the following way:

*"In Scripture, a revelation from God; an appearance or exhibition of something supernaturally presented to the minds of the prophets, by which they were informed of future events. Such were the visions of Isaiah, of Amos, of Ezekiel, etc."*

This study will examine biblical vision from the Revelation and its application to the church today.

## **The Vision**

The Revelation reveals a future vision of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ; a large, global group of true Christians in the final seven years of this world as we know it. This church isn't pictured as a violent man-child Jesus exercising forceful global dominion over evil.

This church isn't absent from this global vision either. In typical snake like fashion, Satan has deftly convinced the majority of professing Christians that an imminent rapture will take them out of this world sometime before this final seven years begins. Paul warned us not to be deceived into thinking that the return of the Lord was at hand or imminent. He warned us that day wouldn't come before Antichrist was revealed. ([2 Thessalonians 2:1-3](#)) For an exhaustive biblical study of the pre-tribulation rapture deception please see <http://www.escapebabylonsdemons.com/uploads/CHURCHINTRIBULATION.pdf>

The vision of the Revelation is set in an age in which God is shaking both earth and heaven as he prepares his children to see "the king in his beauty" and the "land that is very far off". ([Isaiah 33:15-17](#); [Hebrews 12:24-29](#))

The holy anti-New World Order resisters in the vision refuse to give "Caesar" or government things that belong to God. For this faithfulness, these believers are physically overcome by Antichrist. In reality, however, it's these saints that overcome the devil in faithful obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ under great tribulation. The Revelation is a vision of "overcome overcomers".

The vision found in the Revelation doesn't detail how to maximize the performance and growth of a religious organization. Why would it? Spiritual growth for both the individual believer and gathered groups of believers in the Christ-like fruit of the Holy Spirit occurs through ongoing death to self; not through the application of scientific positive behavioral management principles. ([Galatians 5:16-26](#))

The vision of Revelation isn't a carnal dream about getting older people to move over and get on board so that a new generation of young adults can play church the way leadership wants. This vision isn't a strategic management manual for achieving corporate religious success. It doesn't promise revival without repentant reformation; glory without suffering; positive promises without painful persecution; blessings without brokenness; or heaven without holiness. The church found in Revelation is battle scarred, poor, and scattered.

The vision found in the Revelation of Jesus Christ simply shows God's servants' things that are planned by their Lord to occur in the future. ([Revelation 1:1](#))

The second sentence of this amazing letter says that those that read, understand, and protect the truth of its predictions; not discrediting its truth through false teaching or ungodly living, are promised God's favor and the happiness of his spiritual presence. ([Revelation 1:2](#)) Revelation 1:2 echoes the promise of Proverbs 29:18 which teaches that "Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he. "

What kind of happiness is God promising? Is it the smiley faced, whitened tooth, “I love the world system” positive front of a Joel Osteen? Is it the windblown, tolerant, business casual, “I’m cool...look at me with my Anton LeVey goatee” countenance of a Rick Warren?



Is this happiness something altogether different from the images of happiness pictured above? Certainly; the Lord Jesus Christ wasn't known to be the “prince of positive thinking”. He was referred to as a man of sorrows and one acquainted with grief. In spite of being a peaceful, kind, humble, patient, loving, righteous man; Jesus was despised and rejected by men. He promised his true followers that they would be too. He promised them that blessing was a result of being rejected, not accepted, by men. ([Isaiah 53:3](#), [Luke 6:22](#), [John 17:14](#))

The happiness related to biblical vision comes from a clear conscience serving God no matter what the cost. It's not about an attractive smile; rather it's about a deep rooted inward peace resting on the promise that God is ultimately in control of everything working everything they experience for their eternal well being. ([Romans 8:28](#))

What type of vision does the Revelation provide to God's children to assure them that He will be working ultimately for their good benefit? The answer is just the opposite of what human nature and 501-C3 corporate Christianity has led us to expect. The vision of Revelation predicts a perilous vision of frightening experiences for God's people in the last days before their Lord Jesus Christ returns in flaming fire taking vengeance upon their mutual enemies. ([Revelation 1:7](#), [Revelation 19:11-21](#)) God's Spirit through Paul wrote that the last days would be *perilous* because people would love themselves first rather than love God with all their being first and love others like they'd love themselves. ([2 Timothy 3:1-5](#)) Perilous times are times that are dangerous; hazardous; and full of risk.



Are we in the perilous *last days*? The church has been in the *last days* since Jesus spoke to the people of his day over 2000 years ago. ([Hebrews 1:2](#)) The very fact that the church doubts that we could be approaching or even beginning the final seven years before Christ's return is biblical proof of how close we are to that return. ([2 Peter 3](#); [Jude 1](#)) Controlled mainstream media is even offering us more evidence than ever before that the end of the world is rapidly approaching. That proof is found in reports in which the global ruling elite [openly discuss](#) the following precursors to a global beast nation destined to be led by the false prophet Antichrist:

- [new world order](#)

[http://www.augustreview.com/news\\_commentary/trilateral\\_commission/chorus\\_call\\_for\\_new\\_world\\_order\\_20090108109/](http://www.augustreview.com/news_commentary/trilateral_commission/chorus_call_for_new_world_order_20090108109/)

- [global regime](#)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50plsughFeY&feature=Responses&parent\\_video=anxkrm9uEjk&index=0&playnext=1&playnext\\_from=RL](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50plsughFeY&feature=Responses&parent_video=anxkrm9uEjk&index=0&playnext=1&playnext_from=RL)

- [global central bank](#)

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/165772>

- [global currency](#)

[http://www.domain-b.com/economy/worldconomy/20090328\\_un\\_panel\\_wants\\_g-20.html](http://www.domain-b.com/economy/worldconomy/20090328_un_panel_wants_g-20.html)

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/first100days/2009/03/23/china-takes-aim-dollar-urges-new-global-currency/>

- [global interoperable identification system](#)

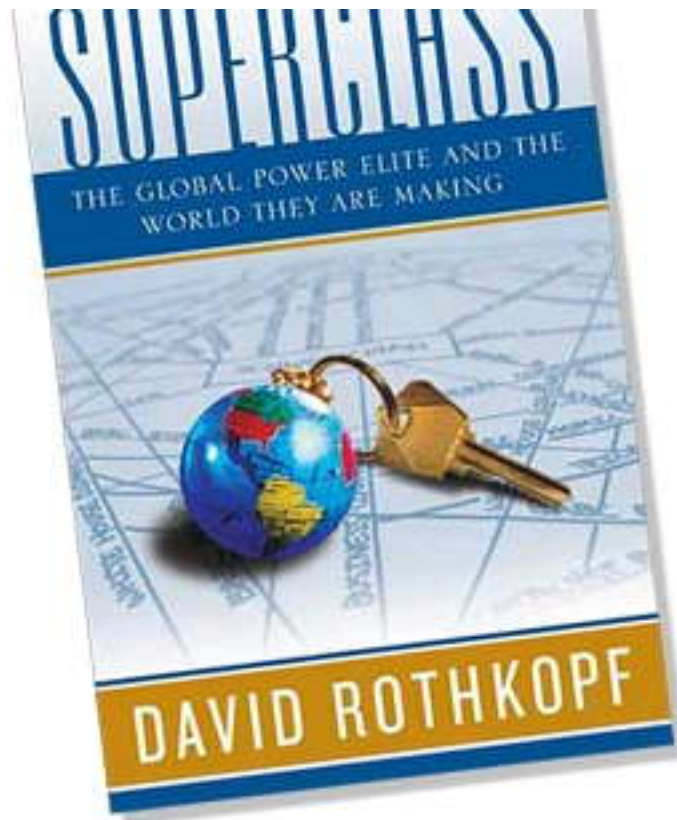
<http://www-ilo-mirror.cornell.edu/public/english/bureau/inf/news/2005/seafarers.htm>

[http://porvoo9.gov.si/pdf/FRI\\_17\\_1130\\_IvanArkel\\_Porvoo9.pdf](http://porvoo9.gov.si/pdf/FRI_17_1130_IvanArkel_Porvoo9.pdf)

<http://porvoo14.dvla.gov.uk/group.html>

<http://porvoo14.dvla.gov.uk/documents.html>

The deluded among us have been misled by the powers at play to believe that such news is the product of the internet fraud and “paranoid, crazy, tin-foiled hat conspiracy theorists” or “extreme, narrow minded, bible thumping, fundamentalist wackos”. If that’s your mindset and you’re hoping in human craftiness for real change; optimistically thinking that things will get better in the foreseeable future; you’re a scoffer in God’s mind. You’re deluded if you don’t think that the revelation of Antichrist and the fulfillment of [Revelation 13:15-18](#) could be close at hand.



The white horse of [Revelation 6:1-2](#); destined to bring the first of God’s seven seal judgments of [Revelation 5-10](#) to earth, appears to be on the loose with its mystery rider Antichrist soon to be revealed! ([2 Thessalonians 2:1-12](#); see Chapter 4 at the link: <http://www.escapebabylonsdemons.com/uploads/Project666.pdf> )

In light of such potentially frightening news, many would like to believe that God has given the Revelation to a church that will be gone before God's seven seal judgments begin. The truth, however, is that the apocalyptic vision found in the Revelation takes God's children through the birth pangs of great tribulation into the incomparable glory of their eternal home with the Lord Jesus Christ. (See: "[Will the Church Experience Great Tribulation?](#)") )

Please don't think that you're doing God's will and teaching sound doctrine if you teach the false comfort of a pre-tribulation rapture to Christians outside the U.S. who are already suffering for their faith. No, you will be deceiving them and setting them up to believe the lie!

Wake up and quit being a friend of this wicked world system run by a cabal of evil enslaved to appease their god Lucifer! Stop trying to defend the system and silence prophecy against it you whorish shepherds before the day of destruction arrives! ([Jeremiah 25](#); [Isaiah 59](#)) In case you haven't noticed, the treacherous United States Federal Government, serving the international banking elite, is in the process of robbing the riches of the people of the United States of America; removing our borders; and replacing the highest law of our land, the U.S. Constitution, with martial law.

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/news/2009/may/judicial-watch-forces-release-bank-bailout-documents>

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/SPP>

<http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=12793>

War is a satanic racket caused by a love of this world and a lust for more of its resources. (James 4:1-10)

<http://www.iamthewitness.com/books/Smedley.Darlington.Butler/War.Is.A.Racket.htm>

Pastor and elders should feed the flock of God truth. They should come to grips with the truth that the unbiblical idea of the "paid pastor" has hindered the gospel of Christ in the United States. ([1 Peter 5:1-4](#); [2 Thessalonians 3:6-15](#); [2 Corinthians 6:3-5](#); [1 Corinthians 9:1-22](#); [Acts 20:28-35](#))

Pastors/elders should follow the pattern of ministry modeled for us by the apostle Paul and his followers. They should quit walking disorderly; lording authority over the body and being busybodies within the church. They should get busy working to support themselves and others financially according to the New Testament pattern of ministry.

Then, when Christ appears, the faithful will receive a crown of glory! It's more blessed to give than receive! ([1 Peter 5:1-4](#); [2 Thessalonians 3:6-15](#); [2 Corinthians 6:3-5](#); [1 Corinthians 9:1-22](#); [Acts 20:28-35](#))

Collections for needy saints, not collections for salaried pastors and 501-c3 corporate building, property, administrative and other expenses, were a normal part of the church gathering together. (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Acts 11:27-30; Romans 15:25-27; 2 Corinthians 8-9)

Paul received gifts from the body of Christ on exceptional occasions. As a rule, Paul worked to supply his own needs and commanded all Christian men, including pastors/elders, to do likewise in order that the gospel isn't hindered or obstructed from doing its life changing work. (1 Thessalonians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15; Acts 20:28-35; 2 Corinthians 6:1-5; 1 Corinthians 9)

The gifts Paul received in time of affliction weren't expected, demanded, requested or desired. Paul emphasized that he was content without the gifts he received and his rejoicing was in the heavenly rewards that the Lord would credit to them. (Philippians 4: 14-17)

The vision of Revelation doesn't paint a picture that would make one smile. The vision is a perilous one and includes the following forms of suffering for the church:

- Unjust imprisonment ([Revelation 2:10](#))
- God's judgment upon a once great and mighty nation which was home to many saints ([Revelation 17-18](#), see link: [Mystery, Babylon the Great](#))
- Hunger, thirst, and homelessness ([Revelation 7:14-17](#))
- Revelation of Antichrist ([Revelation 6:1-2](#))
- Global war ([Revelation 6:3-4](#))
- Global economic meltdown, hyperinflation and the birth of a frighteningly new global financial order ([Revelation 6:5-6](#); [Revelation 13:15-18](#))
- Defeat in a war with Antichrist ([Revelation 13:5-10](#))
- Martyrdom ([Revelation 6:9-11](#); [Revelation 13:5-18](#), [Revelation 17:6](#), [Revelation 18:24](#), [Revelation 20:4](#))

Although this is a formidable list of difficulties, God's true children of his kingdom won't be seized with alarm and terrified into denying their faith under the extreme pressures of this tribulation. Neither will they be able to deny or escape tribulation through a pre-tribulation rapture. Neither should they adopt a passive, almost suicidal type attitude which basically devalues God's sacred gift of human life and minimizes the abominable, wicked, lovelessness that will slaughter a countless number of holy resisters across the globe. Instead, they will courageously hold fast to God's promise of

life with Him after death as they confront the evils of the rulers of the last days. ([Revelation 2:10-11](#))



God's people will understand the times in which they live. ([Daniel 12:9-13](#)) They will be busy working courageously and discerningly instructing others as foretold by their Lord. ([Mark 13:19-23](#); [Daniel 11:31-35](#)) They will preach the gospel to all nations before the end of the world! ([Matthew 24:14](#))

Antichrist will overcome the saints in his war with them, however, in being overcome and losing their lives in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, God's true children actually overcome Antichrist gaining their lives for eternity. ([Revelation 13:7](#); [Matthew 10:39](#), [Matthew 16:25](#); [Mark 8:35](#); [Luke 9:24](#); [Luke 17:33](#); [John 12:25](#); [Revelation 2:11](#), [Revelation 2:17](#), [Revelation 2:26](#); [Revelation 3:5](#), [Revelation 3:12](#), [Revelation 3:21](#); [Revelation 21:7](#))

The idea that the true believer will peacefully and joyously smile through the agony of grievous tribulation isn't biblically based! ([Hebrews 12:1-13](#); [Matthew 26:36-42](#); [Mark 14:32-42](#); [Luke 22:39-44](#)) Many professing U.S. Christians are currently able to retreat into a state of denial to cope with the feelings they experience when they hear the danger that the New World Order poses to their life, health and freedom. This psychological coping technique won't work, however, once the conspirators actually begin to unleash their planned war on the saints and the world during the perilous time of tribulation.

The idea that God's children will give in under intense pressure and fall away as apostates during tribulation is equally unbiblical. God's sheep won't submit to evil because of conscience sake. ([Romans 13:5](#)). They know what they can and can't rightfully give their "Caesar". American believers know that their "Caesar" or top legal U.S. governing authority under the ultimate authority of the Lord Jesus Christ is the U.S. Constitution and not an illegal, un-Constitutional global regime.

501-c3 Christians, we're not just a Republic. We are a Constitutional Republic. Before executing office, the U.S. President is legally obliged to solemnly swear (or affirm) that he will to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the United States. This makes the U.S. Constitution, not Federal government, our "Caesar". Amendment X of our Constitution legally establishes that "*the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people*". Paul recognized that a satanic conspiracy sought to destroy his life and he fought against those human beasts because of his hope of resurrection from death promised to him through faith in Christ. ([1 Corinthians 15:32](#)) The effeminate and the feminine may dislike the Christ-like masculinity of Paul, however, he was a real man and remains a real role model for real Christians facing these perilous last days. To truly care about the future welfare of others, American believers must courageously stand against all enemies of the laws and principles embodied in the Constitution of the United States in obedience to God. ([Romans 13:1-5](#)) The Lord Jesus Christ has warned us that true believers will be brought before ruling authorities in order to testify **against** them during the perilous last days. (Matthew 10:16-25; Mark 13:9; Luke 21:12-15) That truth alone should silence the deceived voices telling us that it's wrong to speak against the evils of ruling authorities.

Believers suffering under persecution of totalitarian regimes know that the Lord Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of Lords. God's sheep know his voice and won't submit to the strange and dark voice of Antichrist. ([John 10:22-30](#)) God's sheep are sealed and held in his power; enduring through faith in his blood and overcoming through the testimony of Jesus Christ on their lips until the day of their redemption. ([Ephesians 1:3-14](#)) God's children will feel the normal human emotional and physical pains associated with a lack of life's basic necessities such as food, water, shelter and human companionship. ([2 Corinthians 11:23-30](#)) They'll mourn and battle depression as they endure the morally purifying effects of extreme poverty, hunger, thirst, betrayal, rejection, loneliness, and isolation. ([Isaiah 61:3](#); [Revelation 21:4](#); [Revelation 7:14-17](#); [Daniel 11:33-35](#), [Daniel 12:9-13](#); [Luke 21:12-19](#); [Micah 7:1-9](#); [Isaiah 29:15-24](#)) In addition, righteous anger and godly sorrow will grip them as they witness the abominations of a reign of terror the likes of which the world has never known. In the end, an uncountable number of saints will even die at the hands of the antichristian new world order worldwide during the global tribulation characterizing Antichrist's war on the saints; the greatest time of trouble the world ever sees. ([Revelation 7:9-17](#); [Daniel 12:1](#); [Matthew 24:21](#); [Luke 21:20-24](#); [Mark 13:19-23](#))



On the other hand, the tares or goats will be overcome by the evils of Antichrist's New World Order system. They are self-deceived and deluded false Christians; unknowingly children of the devil. They're antichrists that trust in and love the new world order system ([1 John 2:15-20](#)). Unlike God's true children, tares will never wake up and understand that the deceptive and deceitful promises in which they hope are mere slippery political rhetoric. ([Daniel 11:31-32](#); [Daniel 12:9-11](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:8-12](#)) These goats will commit apostasy and hatefully ignore and or persecute God's sheep or true children during this great tribulation. (Matthew [13:24-30](#); [Matthew 13:34-43](#); [Matthew 25:31-46](#))

For the time being, however, the tares live among the true children of God. Their true identity is yet to be finalized. It will be clear at the end of this world when the Lord Jesus returns to gather and destroy them in a furnace of fire while the wheat, God's true children are left behind in the kingdom of their Father. (Matthew [13:24-30](#); [Matthew 13:34-43](#); [Matthew 25:31-46](#)) When it comes time for them to choose suffering with the saints rather than receiving the promised benefits of the global regime, the tares and goats will even give to their Caesar, Antichrist, what is only due to God. They will buy into the Reaper Deal. Apostates they are; like Esau, they will give away the privilege of eternal life with God in order to feed themselves; choosing to be temporal slaves of the global financial system and pledge allegiance to the global false prophet Antichrist rather than heirs of heaven. ([Hebrews 12:16](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:3](#); [Revelation 13:15-18](#))



As the leader of the beast nation, the false prophet Antichrist will speak on and act convincingly and astonishingly in support of his deceitful policies and actions. The tares will believe Antichrist's deceitful promises of hope. They will support ID legislation requiring them to provide of themselves a mark or imprint of their right hand or their forehead/face securely integrating them to buy and sell within the interoperable global economic system. At that time, deceived purpose driven lives will include a personal ID mark, the name of the beast nation and a personal number clearly identifying them in God's judgment as a tare, a goat, antichrist and child of the devil. On the other hand, Spirit led lives refusing to integrate into the global economic rule set or universal law will be martyred. ([Daniel 11:35](#), [Daniel 12:9](#); [Revelation 6:9-11](#), [Revelation 7:10-17](#), [Revelation 13:11-18](#), [Revelation 19:20](#), [Revelation 20:4](#))



## Conclusion

In light of this alarming list of experiences, God promises the ultimate blessing to his children whose faith overcomes through them. God's people will be delivered and one day receive their promised blessing of life as God's child in God's great new city, the

holy Jerusalem. This place will be a new heaven and a new earth that will be truly free of death, terror, violence, sorrow, and physical and emotional distress. ([Daniel 12:1](#); [Revelation 21:1-8](#))

This blessing has been prepared for the children of God like a bride adorns herself with her jewels in preparation for her bridegroom. ([Isaiah 61:10](#); [Revelation 21:2](#); [Revelation 21:9-22:5](#))

No longer will God's people be called "Forsaken" in that day when God lives among them. ([Isaiah 62:4](#)) In that day they shall be called "The Holy People," "Yahweh's Redeemed," "the sought-after" "City-not-forsaken." ([Isaiah 62:12](#); [Revelation 21:3-5](#))

The promised blessing is a conditional blessing; however, all true believers will inherit it. In order to inherit this blessing, one must *overcome*.

The word *overcometh* is used eight times within the Revelation. *Overcometh* was used by the KJV translators to communicate to English readers the meaning of the Greek word  $\nu\iota\kappa\omega\nu\tau\iota$ <sup>3528</sup> V-PAP-DSM. The 1828 Webster's American Dictionary of the English language defines *overcome* as follows:

"To conquer; to vanquish; to subdue; as, to overcome enemies in battle or to surmount (rise above); to get the better of; as, to overcome difficulties or obstacles."

The Revelation presents to the church a vision full of enemies, difficulties and obstacles that God's children will overcome in their pilgrimage to their new country. This list includes false Christian leaders; the fatigue of hard work, false doctrine, idolatry and immorality among professing Christians; political pressure to compromise morally; persecution; poverty; slander; false Satanists masquerading as Jews; satanic doctrine and attack; material prosperity; and unjust imprisonment. ([Revelation 2-3](#))

Knowing all this, how then do we overcome?

The apostle Peter teaches the church to reverently obey the truth of God's Word "24-7" rather than compromise its truth by following selfish lusts and worthless tradition that characterize the minds of God's enemies.

*<sup>13</sup>Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: <sup>15</sup>But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; <sup>16</sup>Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. <sup>17</sup>And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: <sup>18</sup>Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; <sup>19</sup>But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without*

*blemish and without spot: <sup>20</sup>Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, <sup>21</sup>Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. <sup>22</sup>Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: <sup>23</sup>Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. (1 Peter 1:13-23)*

Peter begins by saying that we must gird up the loins of our mind. Within the loins of our mind lies the seat of our power. Overcoming the world begins by tying up the loose ends of our mind with the truth of God's Word. ([Ephesians 6:14](#); [Revelation 12:11](#)). We must die daily to ways of thinking that come natural to us. ([Luke 9:23](#); [Hebrews 3:13](#); [1 Corinthians 15:31](#)) With biblical truth wrapped around our mind like a military belt pulled tightly around the waist for protective reinforcement, our mind is shielded by a power greater than the destructive demonic powers active in this world. Only the word of God that can truly overcome the tremendous power of the wicked one. (1 John 2:13-14)

We must arm ourselves with a mind that accepts the real world as it is; an antichristian system run by wicked puppets under the ultimate control of their hateful, lying Lord Satan who seeks to deceive, steal from, kill and destroy the faith and life of true Christians. ([John 10:10](#); [Ephesians 6:12](#)) This thinking isn't crazy paranoia; it's truth. It's the failure of the U.S. 501-c3 church to faithfully train disciples in this truth that's driving some professing believers "crazy" as they find themselves unable to endure life's painful difficulties through positive thinking. As a result, they succumb to God forbidden *sorcery* ([Revelation 21:8](#)) intelligently camouflaged in the form of potentially dangerous mind altering and mind controlling Psychotropic drugs prescribed to them by tools of the Pharmaceutical Industry. Please watch the insightful, informative video(s) offered freely at the sites below to understand the truth about psychotropic drugs.

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It's so anti-faith to think that the Lord Jesus Christ would prescribe mind altering and mind controlling psychotropic drugs for his children to take in order to cope with their feelings. Blind trust in the extremely profitable, yet very dangerous FDA/Pharmaceutical/Psychiatric/Physician psychotropic drug web results in a curse, not a blessing. ([Jeremiah 17:5](#))

Girding up the loins of our mind in order to overcome involves filling our minds with God's word so that we can yield our will to the voice of the Holy Spirit of truth

speaking to us through the scripture. The following paragraphs list many truths that we need to wrap around our minds in order to overcome the world in these perilous times:

First, Jesus and his apostles taught the following truths regarding the world:

- The world is controlled by Satan under God's sovereign plan. ([Matthew 4:8](#); [John 14:30](#) ; [2 Corinthians 4:4](#))
- The world is morally dark. ([Matthew 5:14](#))
- The world is an enemy to be overcome. ([1 John 5: 4-5](#))
- The world is saved through the true Lord Jesus Christ alone. ([1 John 4:14](#))
- The whole world is deceived and lies in wickedness. ([1 John 5:19](#); [Revelation 12:9](#); [Revelation 13:8](#); [Revelation 16:14](#))
- The world has many false prophets who are in reality God's enemies because they support the world system. ([1 John 4:1-5](#))

Secondly, Jesus and his apostles taught us the following truths regarding suffering:

- Suffering is to be expected if we restrict pleasure and flee from immorality, covetousness and idolatry because we love and follow Jesus Christ. ([1 Peter 4:1-6](#); [John 15:20](#); [2 Timothy 1:8](#); [John 16:33](#); Matthew 10:16-25)
- Suffering will come through tares and goats not born of God's Spirit who will persecute those that are filled with the Holy Spirit. ([Galatians 4:29](#))
- Suffering purifies us from sin and sinful human lusts. ([1 Peter 4:1-2](#))

Third, Jesus and his apostles taught us the following truths regarding what our minds should be actively involved in:

- Increasing in the knowledge of God and good works ([Colossians 1:10](#); [Philippians 1:9-11](#))
- Thinking humble thoughts concerning serving others like Jesus did. ([Philippians 2:1-8](#))

- Receiving God's truth from all sources including those outside the elite controlled mainstream media and those among lower socio-economic and educational levels ([Romans 12:16](#))
- Contending together with other believers for God's truth. ([Philippians 1:27](#); [Jude 1:3](#))
- Expressing friendly, sympathetic, compassionate love for everyone; especially professing Christians ([1 Peter 3:8](#); [Galatians 6:10](#))
- Pure, truthful, heavenly communication including the spreading of the gospel of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. ([Colossians 3:1-14](#))
- Helping others to identify actions and beliefs that are displeasing to God. ([Ephesians 5:11](#))
- Serving the Lord faithfully with our gifts and talents whether it is amongst the body of Christ with other professing Christians; at home with family; or at work with employers and their employees. ([Colossians 3:15-25](#)); [Colossians 1:10](#))
- Good works under properly established, just and moral government law(s). ([Titus 3:1](#))

We must not allow evil to overcome us and deceive us to into speaking evil of authorities; in other words, defaming their character and dishonoring their reputation by spreading false, malicious reports concerning them. On the other hand, we must seek to overcome evil through the good work involved in holding authorities accountable to just laws and moral truth. ([Romans 12:21](#)) The church is called to testify as God's witness against the evils of government rulers. ([Mark 13:9](#); [Luke 21:12-15](#); [Mark 6:16-29](#); [Matthew 14:1-12](#))

Merciless unforgiveness, bitter hatred and or passive hateful indifference toward repentant Christians must go. Only the merciful and forgiving will be graced with forgiveness. ([James 3:17](#); [James 2:13](#); [Luke 10:25-37](#); [Matthew 23:23](#); [Matthew 5:7](#); [Matthew 18:10-22](#); [Luke 17:3-4](#))

Prideful rejection of repentant, obedient Christians over socio-political and or vain family tradition(s) must stop. Justice and merciful, loving concern for both the spiritual and physical needs of others characterize the life of the true believer. ([Matthew 23:23](#)) Friends of God are marked by a concern for things that concern the Lord. ([Ezekiel 8-9](#); [Isaiah 59](#); [Psalm 94](#); [Ephesians 4:11-29](#))

Divisive compromise of biblical principles in the face of other repentant Christians must end. ([Romans 16:17](#); [Romans 14:21](#); [Matthew 18:6-20](#); [Romans 15:1-7](#))

I offer a few concluding exhortations from scripture in closing:

<sup>8</sup>Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: <sup>9</sup>Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup>For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: <sup>11</sup>Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. <sup>12</sup>For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. <sup>13</sup>And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? <sup>14</sup>But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; <sup>15</sup>But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: <sup>16</sup>Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. <sup>17</sup>For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: <sup>19</sup>By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; <sup>20</sup>Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. (1 Peter 3:8-20)

<sup>10</sup>Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. <sup>13</sup>Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup>And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup>Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: <sup>18</sup>Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Ephesians 6:10-18)

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. <sup>6</sup>Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brethren, **whatsoever things are true**, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. <sup>9</sup>Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. (Philippians 4:1, 4-9)