

Q: Who Do You Think You Are? -> Week 3

A: In Christ, I Am An Overcomer!

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Series Key: My **IDENTITY** Shapes How I Act and What I Choose.

John said You are an Overcomer:

⁴for everyone born of God **overcomes the world**. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that **overcomes the world**? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 1 John 5:4-5

Paul Said You are an Overcomer:

No, in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through him who loved us. Romans 8:37

Grk: Overcomer / Conqueror: hyper-niko-men.

Root: nike. Meaning, to carry off the victory. verb implies to battle

“Overcomer” Defined: success in dealing with problem or difficulty; defeat and opponent; prevail, victory

AS AN OVERCOMER, YOU ARE...

- Living In A **WAR-ZONE**.

For our struggle is not against **flesh and blood**, but against the **rulers**, against the **authorities**, against the **powers of this dark world** and against the **spiritual forces of evil** in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. **Your enemy the devil** prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

- To **DEPEND** On God And Trust Him.

⁵**Trust in the LORD** with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

- Called To **RESIST** The Enemy.

⁹**Resist him**, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1 Peter 5:9

Submit yourselves, then, to God. **Resist the devil**, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

- To **DAILY** Prepare Your Weapons & Armor.

⁴The **weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world**. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

¹³Therefore put on the **full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place,¹⁵ and with your **feet fitted** with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:13-17

- Called To **ENDURE**.

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out **so that you can endure it**.

1 Corinthians 10:13

⁹for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰**Therefore I endure everything...** 2 Timothy 2:9-10

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! **I have overcome the world**. John 16:33

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who **is in you is greater** than the one who is in the world. 1 John 4:4