

SERMON SUMMARY:

Rewards for Overcoming

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The phrase “If only I had known” is one of the saddest in the English language. Some in the church will be overcomers and hold strong in the last days (Matt 24:9-10) and others will fall away. This message focus on what motivates an overcomer to overcome the challenges that lie ahead. Here are the things that we are promised if we choose to be an overcomer:

- The Overcomer is granted a glorious Place: Heaven. (Rev 2:7)
- The Overcomer is granted a glorious Person: God and Christ. (Rev 3:12)
- The Overcomer is granted a glorious Possession: Resurrected Body. (Rev 3:5)
- The Overcomer is granted glorious Privileges and Pleasures. (Rev 2:17)
- The Overcomer is granted glorious Position, Prominence and Power. (Rev 2:26-28)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What is an example of an opportunity that you did not take advantage of that you now regret? If you knew then what you know now what would you have done differently?

Does it surprise you that Matt 24:10 says that in the last days some inside the church will turn away from the faith? What are some ways that we already see this happening today when things get hard?

What is the most important key to being someone who finishes the race strong and those that give up and don't finish? (1 Cor 9:24)

Is it okay for us to be motivated by the rewards that God offers to those who stand with Him?

What are some of the rewards that are promised to us as overcomer? Which one of the five Gary mentioned resonated most with you and why?

What does the white stone represent that God promises us with our new name written on it?

Rev 2:26-28 describes what God will grant to those who overcome to the end. How can we ensure that we will be one of those who will make it to the end instead of one of those who falls short?