

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE OVERCOMERS
IN THE RECOVERED CHURCH
CONSUMMATING THE DIVINE ECONOMY
AND BECOMING THE NEW JERUSALEM**

Message One

**The Overcoming Christ Producing Overcomers
in the Recovered Church to Consummate the Divine Economy**

Scripture Reading: Rev. 3:7-13, 21; 5:5-6; 17:14; 19:7-9

- I. God wants to end this age and bring in the age of the kingdom; for this great dispensational move, God must have the overcomers as His dispensational instrument to consummate the divine economy—Rev. 12:10-11; 11:15.**
- II. The economy of God is that God became flesh, passed through human living, died, resurrected, and became the life-giving Spirit to enter into us as life and dispense God into us that we may be transformed for the producing of the church, which is the Body of Christ, the house of God, the kingdom of God, and the counterpart of Christ, the ultimate aggregate of which is the New Jerusalem—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 1:10; John 1:14; 20:22; Eph. 1:22-23; Rev. 21:2.**
- III. Only the recovered church can fulfill God's eternal purpose—Eph. 1:9; 3:11; 2 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 8:28; Rev. 3:7-8:**
 - A. The eternal purpose—the purpose of the ages—is the eternal plan that God made in eternity past—Eph. 3:11.
 - B. The purpose of God in the universe is to produce a group of people who will be exactly the same as He; this is the unique subject of the Bible—John 1:12-13; 1 John 3:2:
 1. In life, nature, image, appearance, radiance, glory, and outward expression, they will be the same as God—Rev. 4:2-3; 21:10-11, 18.
 2. God's purpose is accomplished by the divine life dispensed into His chosen and redeemed people; as God's life is wrought into His people, a metabolic reaction takes place within them that causes them to be transformed and become the same as God—John 3:15; 1 John 5:11-12; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29.
 - C. God's purpose in creating man was that man would express Him and represent Him; the eternal purpose of God is to have a corporate man to express Him and represent Him—Gen. 1:26-27.
- IV. As a sign, the church in Philadelphia prefigures the recovered church—Rev. 3:7:**
 - A. The church in Philadelphia prophetically depicts the church of brotherly love, that is, the proper church life—Rev. 3:7.
 - B. One outstanding feature of the church in Philadelphia is that she keeps the Lord's word—Rev. 3:7-8.
 - C. In Revelation 3:8 the Lord says that the church in Philadelphia has not denied His name; the Lord's word is His expression, and the Lord's name is the Lord Himself—Col. 3:16-17; Matt. 18:20.

- D. The recovered church not only has returned in a full way to the Lord's word but also has abandoned all names other than that of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- E. The return to the pure word from all heresies and traditions and to the exaltation of the Lord's name by abandoning every other name are the most inspiring testimony in the recovered church—Rev. 3:8.

V. The overcomers are produced by the overcoming Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit, and they are burdened for the building up of the Body of Christ as the preparation of the bride of Christ—Eph. 4:16; Rev. 3:21; 5:5-6; 17:14; 19:7-9:

- A. Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit produces the overcomers, who overcome the degradation of the church, build up the Body of Christ, and consummate the New Jerusalem—1:4; 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21.
- B. Without the overcomers the Body of Christ cannot be built up, and unless the Body of Christ is built up, Christ cannot come back for His bride—19:7-9:
 - 1. The building up of the Body of Christ is by the overcomers produced by Christ as the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit—1:4; 4:5; 5:6; 3:1, 12.
 - 2. The building up of the Body of Christ by the overcomers in this age is for the initial consummation of the New Jerusalem in the kingdom age and eventually for the full consummation of the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth—2:7; 3:12; 21:2.
- C. The Lord's promises at the end of each of the seven epistles in Revelation 2 and 3 refer both to the present enjoyment of the overcomers and to the reward given to them in the coming millennial kingdom—Rev. 2::7b, 11b, 17b, 26-27; 3:5, 12, 21:
 - 1. In order to enter into the Lord's joy and receive the Lord as our exceeding great reward in the next age, we need to gain Him and faithfully enjoy Him today in this age—Matt. 25:21b, 23b; Phil. 3:8-9; Gen. 15:1.
 - 2. If we do not faithfully enjoy and experience Christ as the reality of His promises today, we will not participate in their fulfillment in the kingdom age; the principle is that what we are will become our reward—1 Cor. 9:24-27.