

The Word in Meditation

BEING AN OVERCOMER

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Hello friends, and welcome to the Word in Meditation. I am glad that God is so big, that He is bigger than any devil, and stronger than anything we can think of. Let's pray.

Father, we bless and praise you for your glorious power to us who believe. Teach us in your Word, Lord, for in it we live. In Jesus' Name, amen.

A person, friends, that *overcomes* is one who conquers; subdues. This friend, is what our subject is this week; how to overcome. We start with our example, Jesus. Turn with me to John 16:33. Jesus says here, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world."

Jesus has been talking in this chapter about His departure from this world. His disciples are worried about what they are going to do when He is gone when they can't reach out and touch Him face-to-face. They feel as though they are losing their support. Their Master is going yet He tells them not to worry; not to break out in a sweat over it, as it were.

I am sure what has gone on in our minds went on in theirs; things like, "How is to be?"

Jesus gave some very important things to believe in. He said, "These things I have spoken unto you that in me you might have peace."

Now, that is something! What things did He speak to us that would be peaceful? His Word, of course! All of the things He said were said so we would have *faith*. You see, our peace is in Him. Access to God is through Jesus by faith. This may be hard to hear through a lack of understanding; so, let me break it down for you.

The *only* way we get to God is through Jesus. Why Jesus and not some other man? Because Jesus is the portion of God's being that *made* everything. In *Jesus* is life. The very life of God is in Jesus. Jesus *is* the life of God; so, if we are dead in sin, we need to be made *alive* before we can approach God. We are made alive when faith is activated and we call upon God's son Jesus to save us. *Immediately*, we are in Jesus. Our spirits or heart, if you will, is intermingled with the Spirit of Almighty God. In *there* we have peace. Real peace. Because without faith we wouldn't *be* in Him. But with faith we are being that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Peace is a result of faith being applied to any situation in our lives. Because we recognize it is by faith we have access to peace.

So what if we have tribulation, trials, errors, shortcoming, or pressures from people? Jesus says in the last of the verse we are to be of good cheer, for He has overcome the world.

Think of it! No problem so great it can't be overcome, because the overcomer Himself has overcome them!

Well, time goes so very quickly! Tune in tomorrow, friends, and we will talk more.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.