

Overcoming the World

The child of God has the promise and assurance that he will overcome the world.

To some, such an assurance would seem unfounded. Does one imagine that there are powers within himself that are not shared by others? Has he been singled out from others to receive the power of the Holy Spirit? Is this not a tremendous pharisaic pride?

To the believer, however, surrounded by baffling worldly forces threatening to overwhelm him by their apparent reasonableness and harmlessness, this promise is a comfort that does not produce pride but, rather humble thankfulness: “Whatever is born of God overcomes the world,” John wrote in his first epistle.

The sinner cannot overcome the world. Spiritually he is dead. He may be ever so active; but the forces that move him are those which are of the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

The sinner is a slave to the world, altogether in the power of his master. His will and his powers must be used to perform his master’s desires. He is helpless, unable to escape, until a good master from another kingdom purchases him and gives him a new life: “Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

Victory over the world is not gained by one’s own strength. To say that would indeed be pride. Victory over the world is obtained only through faith in the Son of God, who said, “In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” Christ is the one who has triumphed over the world; and he will cause those to triumph with him who trust in him.

“And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

*In the world you
will have
tribulation.*

*But take heart; I
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the world.*

John 16:33

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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 76

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 198

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

O most great, most just and gracious God; thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but thou hast promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused thy holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first thy kingdom. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In thy Son is our salvation, in thy promises our hope.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 569

“Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory”

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 338 *“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”*

Sermon Text

Isaiah 38

Sermon

HEZEKIAH DELIVERED FROM DEATH

*Hymn of Response # 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

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*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 12:30pm. A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. We are studying the book of Deuteronomy. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.

Sunday, September 7. We remember the Lord's death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church. But those who are not communicant members of our Church are asked to meet with the elders of the Church before partaking of the Lord's Supper. It is required that they meet with the elders only once.

Saturday, September 13, 12:00pm – 4:00pm. Our annual Fall church picnic takes place at Picnic Area #4 (near the concrete slide) at Codornices Park in Berkeley (1201 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708). Please use the QR Code to access the online potluck sign-up sheet.

