

Discussion / Application Questions

1. What is the most pressing, difficult problem that you need to “overcome” by faith?
2. How does God’s Sovereign Control of circumstances, people and timing help you process this issue?
3. Why is Jesus the only one worthy of judging all people and all situations that you face? Knowing He will one day bring about “what is fair,” how can you rest in His wisdom and ultimate justice?
4. Knowing God is in control and will justly judge is only the first step. What happens 5 times in these 2 chapters in the form of songs?
5. In what way and when will you worship, praise, and sing with adoration and thanksgiving for who the Father is, what the Son has done and will do, and how the Spirit implements it?

NO BIBLE STUDY NEXT WEEK

Next Bible Study is Sunday, February 10
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Why Your View of Heaven Will Change Your Life on Earth Revelation 4-5

Introduction –

- Jesus’ promise to “overcomers” – Rev. 2-3
- What does it take to be an “overcomer?”

◆ The Anatomy of Spiritual Defeat

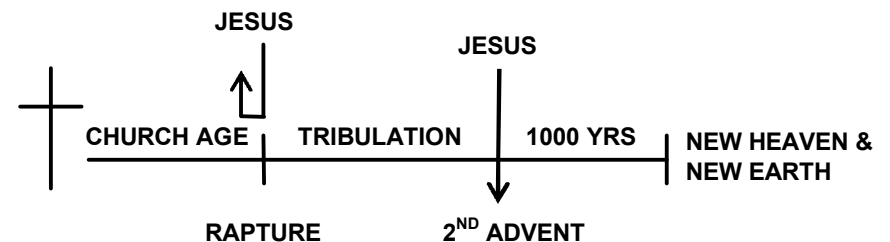
- Our perspective of difficult circumstances = “It’s not fair!”
- Our perspective on obedience = “It’s not worth it!”
- Our reason for hope = Gone

◆ The Anatomy of Spiritual Victory

- Paul’s difficult circumstances = 2 Cor. 11:23-33
- Paul’s perspective = 2 Cor. 4:16-18
- Paul’s reason for hope = 2 Cor. 12:1-4

◆ God’s Prescription For Hope in Hard Times

1. Expect difficulty, it’s normal – John 16:33
2. Remember “I have overcome them” – 1 John 5:4-5
3. Focus on the rewards for overcomers – Rev. 2-3
4. Count the cost of disobedience – 1 Cor. 3:11-15



HOW CAN WE REMAIN FAITHFUL TO JESUS WHEN OUR WORLD FALLS APART...?

I. Look Who's on the Throne – Rev. 4

- The Throne – Source of Rule and Authority
- The 24 Elders – Redeemed and Rewarded Saints
- From the Throne – Comes Judgment
- The Four Living Creatures – Declare God's Holiness
- Worship in Heaven – Of God the Father
- Summary – “It's Infinitely Worth It!”
For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

II. Look Who Holds the Scroll – Rev. 5

- The Scroll – Contains the World’s Destiny

- Who is Worthy? – To Judge with Perfect Justice

- Lamb as if it had been Slain – Jesus the Redeemer

- Worship of Christ by Four Living Creatures and Elders

- Worship of Christ by Myriads of Angels

- Worship of Father and Christ by Every Creature

- Summary – “Perfect Justice will Prevail for Everyone!”
Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men’s hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God. 1 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV)