

# Philippians Series

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## Overcoming the World

### Philippians 1:6; John 16:33



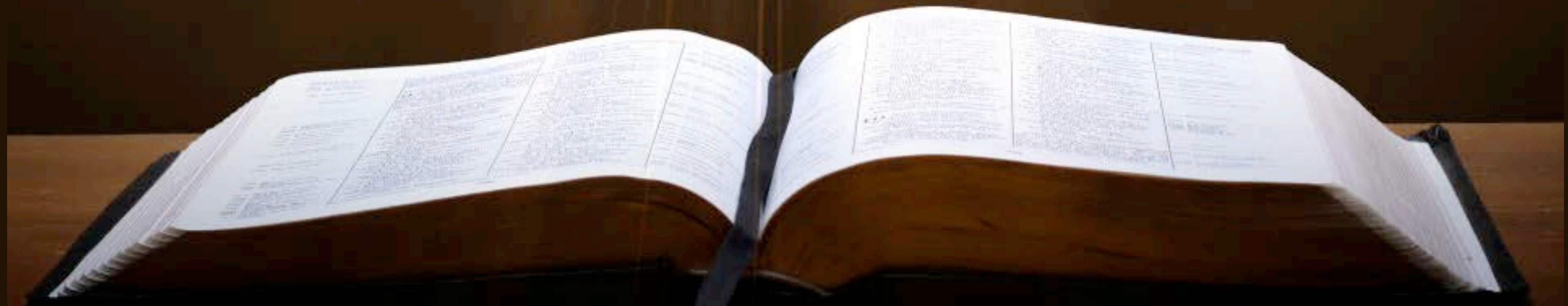
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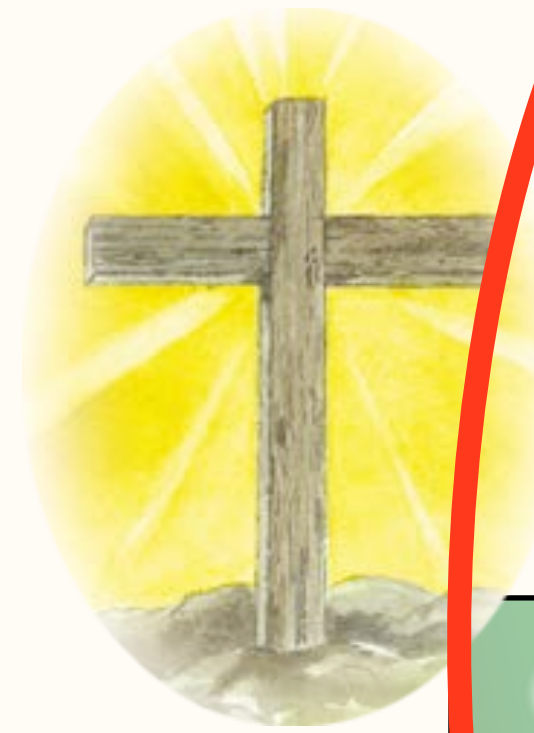
**Php. 1:6, “being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;” ~NKJV**

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**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**the “Day of Christ”**





RAPTURE  
OF THE CHURCH



Church  
Age

Tribulation

Millennial  
Kingdom

Eternal  
State

Second Resurrection  
(unsaved)

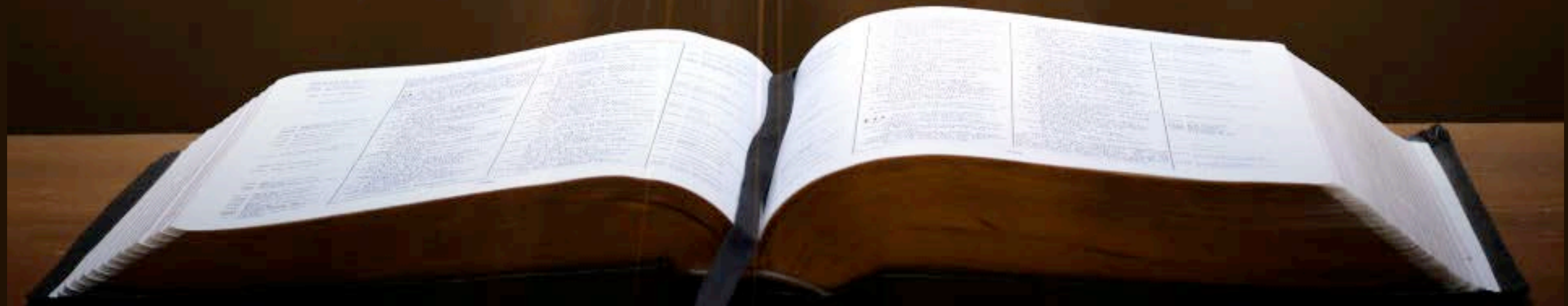
BEMA  
Judgment  
Seat of  
Christ

GREAT  
WHITE  
THRONE

Unsaved Dead

# What the Bible Teaches About

the “Overcomer”



## **Two views:**

- 1. Every true believer is an overcomer.**
- 2. Only believers who advance in the Christian life are overcomers.**

**Following the Bema there will be two groups of believers: those who have rewards, and those who do not.**

**Donald Grey Barnhouse:**

**“We can be sure that at the Judgment Seat of Christ there will be a marked difference between the Christian who has lived his life before the Lord, clearly discerning what was for the glory of God ... or a nominal Christian ... All will be in heaven, *but the difference between them will be eternal.* We may be sure that the consequences of our character will survive the grave and that we shall face those consequences at the Judgment Seat of Christ.”**



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# Three Stages of Salvation

**PHASE  
ONE**



**Justification**  
**Belief in Christ's**  
**death for salvation**

**Saved from**  
**Penalty of Sin**  
**“You were saved”**

**PHASE  
Two**

**Spiritual**  
**Life**  
**Believing Scripture, i.e.,**  
**the FRD, for spiritual growth**

**Saved from**  
**Power of Sin**  
**“You are being saved”**

**PHASE  
THREE**



**Glorification**  
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**Presence of Sin**  
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**aor act part fem sing nom**

**“to conquer; prove, be victorious, overcome”**

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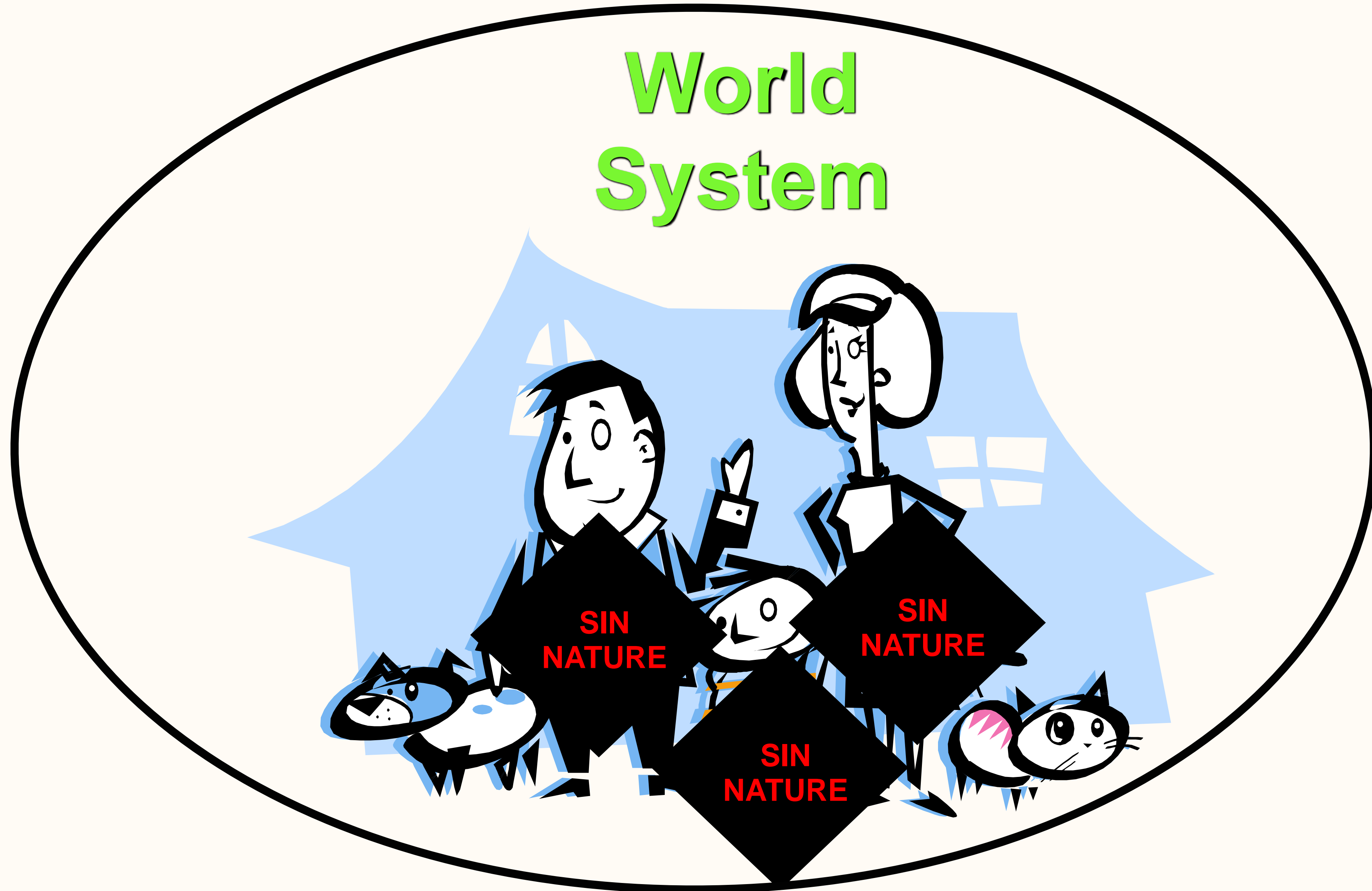
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# **What Did Christ Overcome?**

- 1. Before Christ went to the cross He overcame the world.**
- 2. The “world” or worldliness is different from sin.**
- 3. On the cross Jesus Christ paid the sin penalty.**
- 4. In His life He overcame the thinking of the world, setting the precedent for our victory over the thinking of the world.**
- 5. Thus, overcoming the world is a post-salvation, Phase 2, function of spiritual growth, not positional truth in Christ, Phase 1.**

# DEVIL

## World System



**Rom. 12:2, “And do not be pressed into the mold of the thinking of the world (the *zeitgeist*), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” ~RD**

**συσχηματίζω *suschēmatizō*  
2 plur pres mid impera  
to mold something, to be  
conformed to a pattern**

**μεταμορφόω  
*metamorphoō*  
2 plur pres mid  
impera  
change into another  
form or image, to  
transform**

**James 3:15, “This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, soulish, demonic.”**

**ἐπίγειος *epigeios***

**fem sing nom**

**earthly, terrestrial**

**“earthly” = oriented to the Earth, rather than Heaven.**

**Php. 4:19**

**δαιμονιώδης *daimoniōdēs***

**fem sing nom demonic–**

**related to the rebellious mentality of Satan and the demons.**

**ψυχικός *psuchikos***

**fem sing nom**

**soulish, not spiritual;**

**of the soul, or soulish,**

**e.g., the thinking of the**

**unbeliever, according to a**

**nonbiblical worldview**

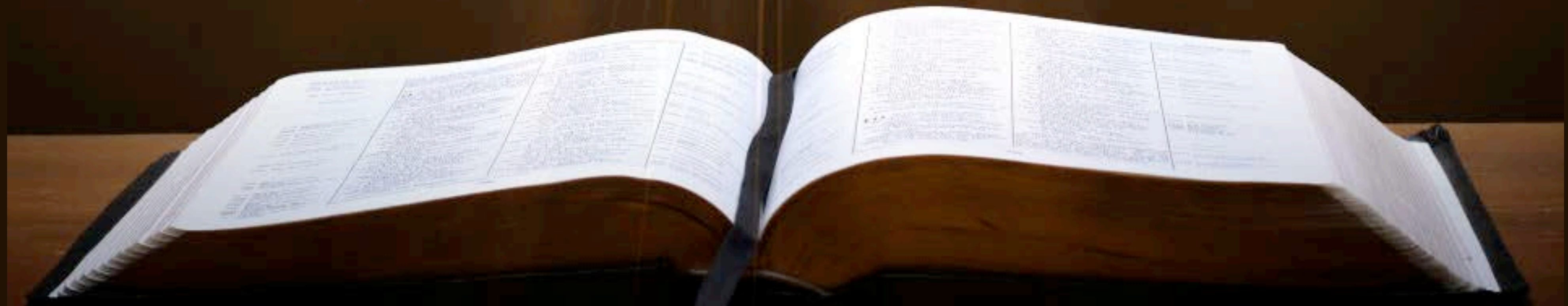
**(naturalism, deism,**

**existentialism,**

**postmodernism).**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**Worldliness**





## The Characteristics of *Worldliness*

- 1. Worldliness is the type of thinking of the creature Lucifer in rebellion against God.**

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**κόσμος *kosmos* “an arrangement, ordering of things; order, world, mankind, earth; adornment, decoration”**

- ① that which serves to beautify through decoration, adornment, adorning
- ② condition of orderliness, orderly arrangement, order
- ③ the sum total of everything here and now, the world, the (orderly) universe (~BDAG)

An orderly, organized system of thought providing the creature with a rationale for living independently of his Creator.

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**Worldliness thus relates to all of the thought systems of the world—philosophies, religions, mystical insights—which provide a rationale for suppressing the knowledge of God, disobeying God, and justifying the acts of the sin nature. Worldliness correlates to the thinking of Satan in his fall.**

**Isa. 14:12–14; Ezek. 28:12–19**

## **2. The Characteristics of *Worldliness***

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**3. Worldliness summarizes all human, Satanic, demonic ways of thinking, methodologies, and values which are in opposition to God.**

***Human Viewpoint (HVP), Paganism, Satanic Viewpoint (SVP).***



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**“The theme of adultery is used in the NT in a metaphorical sense as in OT prophecy (cf. Jas. 4:4), where adulterers (*moichalides*; RSV ‘unfaithful creatures!’) are lovers of the world. Similarly, Israel is called ‘an evil and adulterous generation [*genea ponēra kai moichalis*]’ as it is typified by its religious representatives”; H. Reisser, ~NIDNTT, s.v. “Marriage, Adultery, Bride, Bridegroom,” 2:584**

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**φιλία *philia* fem sing nom love, friendship**

**φίλος *philos*, a relative, friend**

**Who is the ruler of the *kosmos*, the world system?**

**John 12:31, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”**

**John 16:8, “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”**

**John 16:11, “of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”**

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**1 John 2:15, “Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love for the Father is not in him. ~RD**

**1 John 2:16, “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”**



**1 John 2:17, “And the world is passing away, and also its lusts;  
but the one who does the will of God abides forever.”**

**1 John 2:28, “And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.”**

**1 John 5:4, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”**

## **Conclusions from 1 John**

- 1. The one who abides in Christ is parallel to the overcomer, neither of them sin. 1 John 3:9, 5:18**
- 2. The overcomer is therefore not something gained at salvation, positional, phase 1, but experiential, phase 2.**

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## **Three Elements in Rev. 3:21**

- **The identification of the Victorious believer, the Overcomer**
- **Jesus' act of overcoming the world.**
- **The throne referred to by the Lord Jesus Christ as “My throne”**



# **What All Resurrected Believers Have in Common**

- **All get raptured**
- **All get resurrection bodies**
- **All have perfect happiness (though the non-overcomers have a period of shame at the Judgment Seat of Christ—1 John 2:28)**
- **All have eternal life and spend eternity in Heaven**

## **Contrast Between Victorious Believers and Defeated Believers**

- 1. The victorious believer receives rewards, privileges, and blessings at the Judgment Seat of Christ (JSC),  
1 Cor. 3:12–15**
- 2. The victorious believer is praised personally by the Lord Jesus Christ (LJC), “well done, good and faithful servant.” Matt. 25**
- 3. Victorious believers have different levels of privilege and authority in the Kingdom.**

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- 4. Victorious believers participate with Jesus Christ in His final defeat of Satan. Psa. 110:1; Rev. 19**
- 5. Victorious believers will rule with Christ as kings and priests.**

# **Contrast Between Defeated Believers and Victorious Believers**

- 1. Defeated believers fail to put doctrine first, count the cost, apply the Word, and grow spiritually.**
- 2. Defeated believers are often wonderful people and successful in the things of temporal existence and the details of life.**
- 3. But Defeated believers become distracted by the details of life.**
- 4. Temporal loss of blessing and happiness.**

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- 5. Shame at the JSC. 1 John 2:28**
- 6. Loss of rewards at the JSC. 1 Cor. 3:15; Rev. 2:11; they become disinherited, but do not lose their salvation.**
- 7. They will enter, but not inherit, the Kingdom.  
Gal. 5:19–21; 1 Cor, 6:10**
- 8. Their rewards will be destroyed in the Lake of Fire,  
Rev. 21:8**

# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **the “Overcomer” in Revelation**

