



## **Big Idea: Live to overcome the world in Christ.**

- Revelation is a summons to overcome this world in Christ—to press on and persevere in faith.
- In today's text, the call to overcome is reiterated and we are reminded how we overcome.

### **1.) We overcome by **OBEDIENCE** to God's Word (v. 6-7).**

- Life in Christ is infinitely more than a list of rules to follow, but it is not less than that.
- Without **RULES** relationship with Christ would be meaningless (John 14:15).
- Overcoming is a matter of obedience (Psa. 119:1-2).
- *Are your decisions, deliberations, and deeds directed daily by the Word of God?*

### **2.) We overcome by **PURITY** of worship (v. 8-9).**

- In eternity, we will be so thoroughly and gloriously transformed that even the Apostle John, having witnessed it, didn't know how to respond.
- There will never be a good reason to worship anyone or anything other than the one triune God.
- We are best served to give all our worship only to God because He is infinitely more substantial and satisfying than everything else.

### **-- Six Signs of Who or What We Worship**

- 1.) We **SEEK** what we worship.
- 2.) We serve what we worship.
- 3.) We **SPEAK** about what we worship.
- 4.) We sacrifice to what we worship.
- 5.) We spend (time/money) on what we worship.
- 6.) We trust what we worship.

### 3.) We overcome by the pursuit of **HOLINESS** (v. 10-12).

- Revelation emphasizes the critical importance of living in the light of the coming judgment.
- Patterns of behavior, whether controlled by unbelief or by faith, will eventually be irreversible (Ephesians 2:1-3).
- The **HABITS** we establish can be extraordinarily hard to break.
- Strengthen the good patterns and take whatever steps are needed to mortify destructive ones.
- The longer we wait to repent, the harder that repentance will be.

### 4.) We overcome by **UNION** with Christ (v. 13-16).

- In the end, there are exactly two types of people: Those who wash their robes and those who don't.
- Eternal life is given only to those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ (Rev. 7:13-14).
- Christ is the **ALPHA** (the Beginning) because everything begins with Him (John 1:1-3).
- Christ is the **OMEGA** (the End) because nothing will outlast Him.
- He is where victory begins and it is in Him that everything victorious will find its fulfillment (Romans 10:9-11).