

Developing Overcomers' Faith

Overview: Because of grace, all the promises of our salvation package belong to us but we appropriate them and bring their manifestations into our lives through our faith. We speak faith out of the abundance of our hearts and we are justified by these words coming out of our mouths. Since we are justified by our words, then we can live not as falling short of the glory of God but as having been restored to it.

A. Foundational Understanding

1. Heb 11:6 But without faith *[it is]* impossible to please *[him]*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *[that]* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
2. Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou
3. 2 Pet 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
4. 1 Pet 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *[pertain]* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

B. Milk Faith

Faith at the level of the milk of the Word of God is understanding the principles of faith, how to use these principles, and how to build your patience by letting your faith overcome the attacks and lies of the enemy, as you continue to stand in faith regardless of how long it takes to the manifestations. The primary weapon of this warfare is the Prayer of Faith.

1. 1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *[even]* as unto babes in Christ.
2. Gal 4:1 Now I say, *[That]* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; Gal 4:2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.
Gal 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:
3. Joh 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *[it]* you.
Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *[them]*, and ye shall have *[them]*.

4. Children have the goal of Overcoming.

Being an overcomer is part of our Salvation Package. However, we must grow into it, just as we partner with God to receive every promise.

1Jo 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1Jo 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

1Jo 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith.

1Jo 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

C. Meat Faith

Faith at the level of the meat of the Word is developing the experience and the patience to continue standing in faith even when everything seems impossible and even after it appears that all hope has been lost because the time limit has run out. We know that we have the authority and the directive to subdue, so we command whatever we want based on God's promises and wait expectantly for the manifestation e.g., the job has been given to another. The primary weapon of this warfare is the Prayer of Authority.

1. 1Co 3:2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able [to bear it], neither yet now are ye able.

2. Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Gal 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

3. Authority.

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mar 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mar 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask (*demand*) any thing in my name, I will do [it]. (*I will see it gets done and I don't have it, I will make it*)

4. Growing into Son-ship.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the **sons of God**.

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

D. Strong Meat Faith

Faith at the level of Strong Meat is continuing to believe and to act in faith and to remain in patience (i.e., confident expectation) even if you do not understand the Scriptures, even if mentally you think that they are wrong, even when they contradict everything you know or have ever known; but you continue to believe and act correspondingly because the Bible said it.

The Primary weapon of this warfare is being led by the Spirit of God, building your fellowship with the Holy Spirit to the point where you believe His Word as much as you do the Bible, as long as it is consistent with the Bible. Know that the Spirit of God can never contradict the Bible. This means you must know the Bible in great depth so as to be able to spot contradictions as the angel of light can be very deceptive.

1. Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which [be] the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.
Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk [is] unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
2. Luk 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
3. Joh 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
1Co 15:26 The last enemy [that] shall be destroyed [is] death.
Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
Joh 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.
Believest thou this?
Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
4. Overcomer – Achieving Overcomers' faith.
Seven times in the Book of Revelation, once to each of the churches described in Chapters 2 and 3, the rewards of being an overcomer are stated. The summary of all seven rewards is described below.
Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.