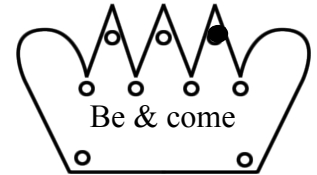


# Truly Great When Christ Comes Again

## 5.2 Overcoming Evil

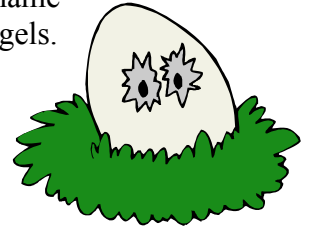


**Bible Verse:** Revelation 3:5

He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

**Proclaim:** *That which is born in me from God overcomes evil.*

**Truth:** God is holy and want us to also be holy, for all who are unholy and all disgusting things shall not be able to enter God's eternal City.



**Scripture Reference: Genesis 15:10-11**

**Lesson: (1) Our mind is like the nest of a bird** – *The human brain is like the nest of birds. Mommy Bird guards the nest like she would a treasure. Similarly, we must guard our hearts and minds because positive thoughts are good motivators for living. Everything that God thinks of, speaks of and does is holy. God wants us to be holy in our thoughts, speech and actions too. Philippians 4:8 tells us: "...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable...think about such things."* (Leviticus 19:2)

**(2) Bad thoughts are like birds of prey** – *One day, God's servant Abram was offering his sacrifices to God when the birds of prey came down on the carcasses he had laid. Abram drove them away, not allowing them to desecrate the offerings.*

*In the same way, we are to reject any undesirable or unclean thoughts and base our thoughts on the Bible. Bad thoughts are like the birds of prey. When a bird flies over a man, he cannot stop it but he can prevent it from settling on his head. Example: The Bible teaches on forgiveness for those who have wronged us, thus we must reject the thoughts of hatred or of revenge towards anyone. (Genesis 15:10-11; James 4:7)*

**(3) To guard our faith, hope and love** – *Now faith, hope and love are present in our hearts. Apart from salvation, faith, hope and love are God's most precious gifts to man. However, Satan works to undermine and destroy our faith, hope and love in God. Let us therefore take caution in what we hear and see every day, for what we frequently hear and see will influence us. According to a report, the habitual and careless conversations that a person picks up from the Internet cause him to have less communication and care about the people around him, even with his parents. (1 Corinthians 13:13)*

**(4) Not to indulge our fleshly nature** – *The Bible teaches not to indulge in the fleshly, carnal things, but we are to flee from sexual sins, impurity ..., idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 1 John 3:8 states clearly that he who sins is of the devil and the outcome is hurt and death. God's Holy Spirit helps us from within to overcome all unrighteousness and evil! (Galatians 5:19-21, Romans 8:13)*

**(5) Victory power by the cross** – *Hallelujah ! Our old self has been crucified with the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross and now become ineffective like a dead man. We are no longer under the bonds of sin. Since the Lord has defeated all evil for us, we have the freedom and must overcome all evil, to lead a holy life. This is because God says: "He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life". (Romans 6:6, Revelation 3:5)*

**Conclusion:** The Bible teaches: The things that are fleshly will deplete our faith, hope and love. Therefore, let us not indulge in the things that are displeasing to God. Let us diligently guard our faith, hope and love in the Lord.

**Prayer/Invitation:** Pray that today's truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus' name