

# Lecture Notes: The Mystery of The Overcomer (Part 3)

## Introduction

- Focus on the mystery of "The Overcomer" from Revelation chapters 2 and 3.
- Discusses the seven churches, two commended and five called to repentance.
- Covers four main challenges mentioned in the letters to five churches.
- Encourages reading Revelation chapters 2 and 3 multiple times for spiritual reflection.

## Four Challenges to Overcome

### 1. Overcoming the Devil

- Discussed in letters to the churches of Smyrna and Pergamos.
- Smyrna church faced persecution but were faithful.
- Apostle Paul taught that entering the Kingdom of God involves tribulation.
- Present-day persecution of Christians worldwide is a continuation of this struggle.
- Emphasizes spiritual warfare against devil's influence as a persistent challenge.

### 2. Overcoming False Apostles and Prophets

- Church of Ephesus warned against false apostles.
- Warning about the rise of false prophets and apostles today.
- Criteria for recognizing true apostles includes signs, wonders, and a calling by God.
- Importance of discernment in following spiritual leaders.

### 3. Overcoming the Synagogue of Satan

- Mentioned in letters to the Smyrna and Philadelphia churches.
- Refers to religious opposition against Christianity.
- Warns of increased religious persecution in the last days.
- Encourages perseverance against hatred from religious and familial relationships.

### 4. Overcoming False Doctrines

- Warns against false teachings and doctrines influencing churches today.
- Importance of adhering to true doctrine of Christ.
- Cautions against supporting false teachings and their consequences.

## Key Messages and Warnings

- Suffering and persecution are a badge of honor for believers.
- Overcomers must withstand spiritual battles and societal hatred.
- Encourages relying on the Holy Spirit for truth and discernment.
- Warns against seeking personal words from false prophets instead of God.

## Conclusion

- Urges believers to stay steadfast in faith and overcome through perseverance and spiritual understanding.
- Emphasizes the importance of being aligned with the teachings of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- Encourages prayer and reflection to combat spiritual deceit and remain faithful.

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**Note:** The lecture also included insights from Pastor Wayne about the need for discernment in identifying false apostles and prophets and the importance of listening to the Holy Spirit for guidance.