

Christ's Description of Salvation

Revelation 2-3

Next to the person of Christ, the most important subject in the Bible is doctrine of salvation. Since our Lord gave a descriptive phrase of salvation to each of the seven churches, we can combine them to produce most complete picture of eternal life to be found in the Bible.

Each of Christ's definitions of salvation is given to "him who overcomes" or who has been born again and are walking in the Spirit. (John 3:3, 7; 1 John 5:4, 5).¹

Scripture & Reference	Comment
2:7: "To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." Believers will live forever in God's paradise.	This is a promise of eternal existence much more perfect than the Garden of Eden. In the Millennium and the new Jerusalem there will be no death, no sin, no heartache, nothing but the blessings of God.
2:11: "He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death."	True believers will not be "thrown into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15)
2:17: "To him who overcomes, I will give . . . a white stone with new name written on it, known only to him who receives it."	This stone proves we were acquitted from all our sins at the Cross, and makes us the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus with our new name written on it.
2:26-27: "To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I give authority over the nations—'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father."	The very same authority the Father gave the Son has also been given to the body of Christ during the Church Age—to overcome all the wiles of the enemy and therefore rule and reign with Christ forever, because we have walked in His Spirit.
2:28: "I will also give him the morning star."	The saints will be kings and priests under Christ and will rule the earth forever (vs. 26, 27; 1:6; 5:10; 20:4-6; 22:4,5)
3:5: "He who overcomes will, like them, be clothed in white garments."	The white, linen garments is the Church wearing the righteousness of Christ.
3:5: "I will not blot out his name from the book of life."	True believers need never fear hell, for Christ will see that our names remain in His Book of Life. Woe to those whose names are not written in that Book!
3:5: ". . . but [I] will acknowledge his name before My Father and his angels."	Those who reject Christ have no right to go to heaven in the presence of the Father and His angels; but His own will be there, for Jesus will confess our names.
3:10: ¹⁰ "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."	Christians in name only, who are not faithful to the end, and who are "friends of the world", may find themselves judged accordingly, during the 7-year Tribulation Period.
3:12: "Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of My God. He shall go out no more."	Believers will have access to the Holy Place of God forever.
3:12: "I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from My God."	Believers will be eternally identified with Christ and thus have access to the Holy City, which is to come down from heaven.
3:12: "I will also write on him My new name."	Believers will be eternally identified with Christ.
3:21: "To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne."	Believers will have a share in the ruling of Christ's coming kingdom.

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