

THE WORK OF AN OVERCOMER Experiencing, Enjoying, and Ministering Christ in the **Stage of Intensification**

*The **seven lamps** of the golden **lampstand** are the **seven Spirits**;
as the seven lamps of fire burning before God's throne;
this signifies that the seven lamps are absolutely related to God's **administration**, **economy**, and
move from His throne to execute His eternal policy—Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6*

*Christ as the life-giving Spirit was intensified to be the **seven Spirits**, the **sevenfold intensified** life-giving Spirit
became the second, the center, of the Divine Trinity—Rev. 1:4.
as the seven Spirits, is the **seven lamps** burning before the throne of God—Rev. 4:5.
as the seven Spirits, is the **seven eyes** of the Lamb sent forth into all the earth,
searching and **infusing** all the churches and all the saints with His eyes—Rev. 5:6.*

*The **seven Spirits** are the **seven eyes** of the redeeming **Lamb** and of the building **stone**
are for **transfusing** all that Christ is
as the redeeming Lamb in His **judicial** redemption
and as the building stone in His **organic** salvation
into our being so that we may be saved in His life to **become exactly the same as He is**
for God's building, God's expression—1 Pet. 2:4-5; Rom. 5:10; Rev. 1:4, 9; 4:5; 5:6; Zech. 3:9.*

How to Be a Co-worker and an Elder and How to Fulfill Their Obligations (Oct. 1996)

❖ **To experience and enjoy Christ (to gain Christ—Phil. 3:8) in His full ministry**

- In the **first stage**, the **stage of His incarnation**, **from** His human birth **to** His death:
 - To bring the infinite God into the finite man
 - To unite and mingle the Triune God with the tripartite man
 - To express in His humanity the bountiful God in His rich attributes through His aromatic virtues
 - To accomplish His all-inclusive judicial redemption
- In the **second stage**, the **stage of His inclusion**, **from** His resurrection **to** the degradation of the church:
 - To be begotten as God's firstborn Son
 - To become the life-giving Spirit
 - To regenerate the believers for His Body—1 Pet. 1:3
- In the **third stage**, the **stage of His intensification**, **from** the degradation of the church **to** the consummation of the New Jerusalem:
 - To intensify His organic salvation
 - **To produce the overcomers**
 - To consummate the New Jerusalem

The Secret of God's Organic Salvation: 'The Spirit Himself with Our Spirit' (May 1996)

❖ **The degradation of the church**

- At the end of the apostle Paul's ministry, around the A.D. 60s:
 - All the believers in Asia **turned away** from him—2 Tim. 1:15.
 - Hymenaeus and Philetus said that the resurrection had already taken place—2:17-18.
 - The co-worker of the apostle, Demas, **loved the present age** and abandoned him—4:10.
 - Alexander the coppersmith **did many evil things** to the apostle and **greatly opposed** the apostle's words—vv. 14-15.
 - At the apostle's first defense no one was with him to support him, but all **abandoned** him—v. 16.

- At the end of the apostle Peter's ministry, around the A.D. 60s:
 - **False teachers** were teaching heresy, denying the Lord's redemption—2 Pet. 2:1.
 - The evil ones forsook the straight way, going astray and following the **way of Balaam**, who loved the wages of unrighteousness—v. 15.
 - **Mockers** were mocking, not believing in the Lord's coming back—3:3-4.
 - The unlearned and unstable ones **twisted** the teachings of the apostle Paul—vv. 15-16.
- At the end of the apostle John's ministry, around the A.D. 90s:
 - Many **antichrists** lied, denying that Jesus is the Christ—1John 2:18, 22.
 - Many **false prophets**, by the spirit of deception, did not confess that Christ came in the flesh—4:1-2, 6.
 - Many **deceivers** as antichrists, not confessing that Christ came in the flesh, taught beyond the teaching of Christ—2 John 7, 9-11.
 - Diotrophes, **loving to be first** in the church, did not receive the apostles, babbling evil words against them, and forbade those intending to receive the brothers and cast them out of the church—3John 9-10.

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❖ The intensification of Christ—the sevenfold intensified Spirit

- To **save** the believers from:
 - The **formal** church life and the **loss** of the first love to the Lord, the shining capacity of the lampstand, and the enjoyment of Christ as life in the church in Ephesus—2:1-7.
 - The **defeat** that leads to the taste of the second death in the church in Smyrna—vv. 8-11.
 - The **worldliness** in union with the world as a marriage and the **teaching** of Balaam and the Nicolaitans in the church in Pergamos—vv. 12-17.
 - **Fornication, idolatry, demonic teaching**, and **satanic depths** in the church in Thyatira—vv. 18-29.
 - The **spiritual death**—dead and dying—in Sardis—3:1-6.
 - The **losing** of the crown, which has been gained already by the church in Philadelphia—vv. 7-13.
 - The **lukewarmness** and the **Christlessness** in degraded church in Laodicea—vv. 14-22.
- To **produce** the overcomers—Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6; 2:7, 17; 3:20:
 - The overcomers **love** the Lord with the first love—2:4; Col. 1:18b.
 - The overcomers **enjoy eating** Christ as the tree of life in the church as today's Paradise to be a shining lampstand—Rev. 2:7; cf. v. 5.
 - The overcomers are **faithful unto death** in suffering poverty and trial for the crown of life—vv. 9-10.
 - The overcomers enjoy Christ as the **hidden manna**, a special portion of the nourishing supply, to overcome the worldliness of the degraded church with the idolatrous teaching of Balaam and the hierarchical teaching of the Nicolaitans—vv. 12-17a.
 - The overcomers are transformed to be a "white stone," **justified** and **approved** by the Lord, for the building up of the house of God, with a "new name" according to the transformation in life—v. 17b.
 - The overcomers **stand strongly** against the Romish teaching of Jezebel, which is full of fornication, idolatry, and the deep things of Satan—vv. 20, 24.
 - The overcomers **flee spiritual death**, being living in reality with nothing dying in imperfection, and they walk in "white garments" without any defilement, that their name would not be erased out of the book of life but confessed by the Lord before His Father and His Father's angels—3:1-2, 4-5.
 - The overcomers **keep the Lord's word of endurance** and do not deny the Lord's name unto the last bit of their power, that they may be kept out of the hour of trial, which is coming to try all those who dwell on the earth, and that they may receive the crown of reward to be pillars in the temple of God with the name of God, the name of the city of God, the New Jerusalem, and Christ's new name written upon them—vv. 8b, 10-12.
 - The overcomers are **hot**, instead of being lukewarm, to buy gold refined by fire, white garments, and eyesalve so that they may not be spewed out of the Lord's mouth but may be invited to dine with the Lord and to sit with Him on His throne—vv. 15-21.

❖ To **participate** in God's divinity—the God-mens's **divine right**

- To participate in **God's life**—John 3:15; Col. 3:4. *[regeneration, washing Tit 3:5; feeding-cherishing & nourishing]*
Through regeneration we have been graced by God with His divine life.
[Passed through process so He can enter into us, this is not a small thing. He entered into us secretly]
- To participate in **God's nature**—Eph. 1:4; 2 Pet. 1:4. *[dispositional sanctification 1Thes 5:23; 4:3 – will]*
God makes us holy by imparting Himself, the Holy One, into our being, so that our whole being may be saturated and permeated with His holy nature.
- To participate in **God's mind**—Eph. 4:23; Phil. 2:5. *[renewing of the mind Eph. 4:23]*
The more the mingled spirit penetrates our mind, saturates our mind, and possesses our mind, the more our mind becomes like God's mind.
- To participate in **God's being**—2 Cor. 3:18b; Eph. 3:8. *[transformation – inward metabolism]*
The unsearchable riches of Christ are the riches of Christ's being, the riches of what Christ is.
- To participate in **God's image**—2 Cor. 3:18a; Rom. 8:29. *[conformation to the image of Son of God – jasper wall]*
To be transformed into the same image is to be conformed to the resurrected and glorified Christ, as the firstborn Son of God, to be made the **same as He is**.
- To participate in **God's glory**—Rom. 30; Heb. 2:10.
God will completely saturate our body with the glory of His life and nature. He will transfigure our body, conforming it to the resurrected, glorious body of His Son (Phil. 3:21). This is the ultimate step in God's organic salvation, wherein God obtains a **full expression**, which will be manifested ultimately in the New Jerusalem.
- To participate in **God's sonship**—Eph. 1:5; Rom. 8:23.
We can have God's - life, nature, mind, being, image, and glory because we are God's sons.
- To participate in **God's manifestation**—Rom. 8:19.
Today God is hiding, but one day He will be manifested to the whole universe. We, the sons of God, will participate in that revelation, in that manifestation.
- To bear **God's likeness**—1 John 3:2.
We will not only participate in God's life and nature but will also bear God's likeness. To bear God's likeness will be a great blessing and enjoyment.
- To be **Godkind**—God's species—John 1:12; Rom. 8:14, 16.
We have been regenerated to be **Godkind**. As God's sons, we are God's kind, God's species.