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**New Year’s Message for 2009**

*Being an Overcomer*

Intro

**I. THE MEANING OF OVERCOMING**

A. Spiritual

B. No perfectionism

C. All believers included

D. To defeat an enemy

Sum: *An overcomer is a believer who may lose some battles with sin, but who fights off the enslaving influences of sin and lives a life of faith and obedience to Christ.*

**II. THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING AN OVERCOMER**

 A. We face many enemies that want to overcome us.

 B. The danger of not overcoming. 2 Pet. 2:19-20

**III. WE WILL OVERCOME**

 A. The promises of overcoming.

Rom. 6:14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.

1John 3:9

No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1John 4:4

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them [spirit of the antichrist]; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

B. The power of overcoming.

1) Christ overcame. John 16:33

2) His life is in us. Gal. 2:20

**IV. THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF BEING AN OVERCOMER**

A. Walk by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Have confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

C. Put on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of God.

D. Resist.

E. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.

F. Perseverance.

**V. THE REWARD FOR OVERCOMING**

Rev. 2-3

Conclusion