

6 April 2014: Preached by Rev Das Koshy

Topic: **Overcomers in Christ (part 1)**

Scripture Text: Rev 2:1-7

1. The Lord Jesus Christ has told us that He has overcome the world (John 16:33). We are reminded in Rom 8:37 that we are more than conquerors. 1 John 4:4;5:4-5 also exhorts us that by faith we have the victory to overcome the world. As overcomers, it means there will be obstacles and hurdles that the Christian must fight to win the Christian battle.
2. In Rev 2;1-7, the Lord Jesus told the Church at Ephesus to be an overcoming Church. The Church was commended by Christ for her hard work, endurance and taking a separatist stand against errors and false apostles.
3. However, the Ephesian Church is rebuked by the Lord Jesus Christ for He has something against her as they have left their first love. Christians are lovers of God but in this Church their love for God has declined and gone cold and is given to something else. The Lord Jesus is grieved to see His Church in this state of declension.
4. The Lord Jesus stands and walks in the midst of His Churches as He is the Head of the Church. He is attentive to every details in the Church and knows every heart of the Church members. No good works can act as a cover of the sins of the Church. Christians must fight against our own corruption of sin in us.
5. Christians must be quick to repent when we are rebuked by the Lord. We must not be stubborn to reject the rebuke of Christ. If we do not repent of our sin, the Lord will remove the candlestick from us that we no longer bear any testimony for Christ.