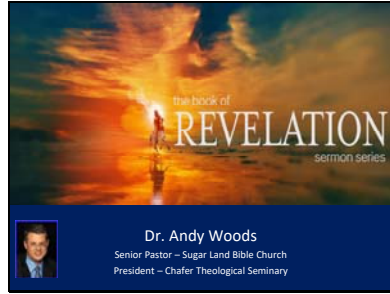
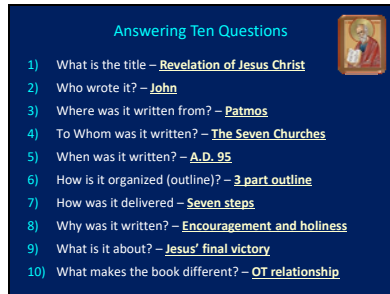


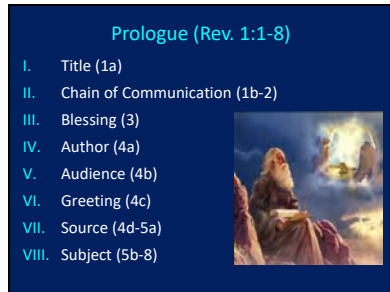
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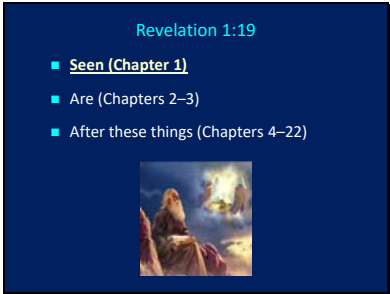
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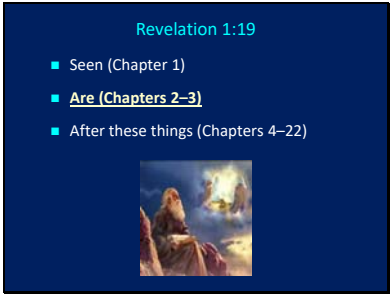
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“The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”




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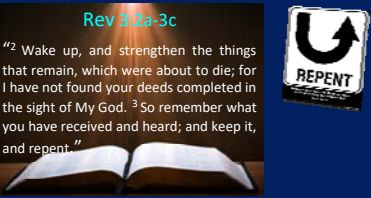


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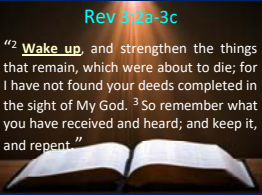


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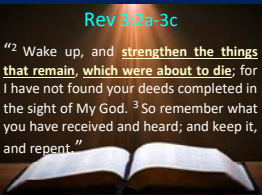


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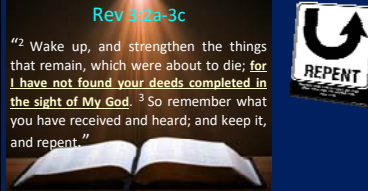
"In a practical way, Christ encouraged them to 'strengthen the things that remain.' If there is to be a revival in a spiritually dying church, we must start with the small remnant and build upon their faithful prayers and devotion to Jesus Christ. Just as in Gideon's army, God delights to accomplish His great victories with a small remnant. Then it will be obvious to all that it is God who has won the victory, not man. The message to the church at Sardis reminds us that no matter how dead a church or denomination may be, God still has 'a few names...who have not defiled their garments, and they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy.' The prayer of every believer should be that they shall join that faithful remnant and walk with Him."

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1 Corinthians 3:14-15

"¹⁴ If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

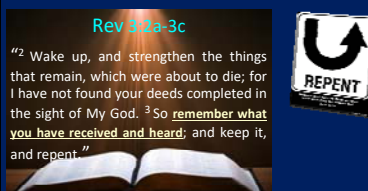


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Rev 2:5

"Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent."





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[A] serious Arminian error respecting this doctrine occurs when repentance is added to faith or believing as a condition of salvation. It is true that repentance can very well be required as a condition of salvation, but then only because the change of mind which...has been involved when turning from every other confidence to the one needful trust in Christ. Such turning about, of course, cannot be achieved without a change of mind.

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This vital newness of mind is a part of believing, after all, and therefore it may be and is used as a synonym for believing at times (cf. Acts 17:30; 20:21; 26:20; Rom. 2:4; 2Tim. 2:25; 2 Pet. 3:9). Repentance nevertheless cannot be added to believing as a condition of salvation, because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

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Three Tenses of Salvation			
Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

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John 10:27-29


“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will **never perish** [*ou mē; aiōnía*]; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and **no one is able to snatch them** out of the Father's hand.”



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Matthew 7:13-14

“¹³ Enter through the **narrow gate**; for the gate is **wide** and the way is **broad** that leads to destruction, and there are **many** who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is **small** and the way is **narrow** that leads to life, and there are **few** who find it.”



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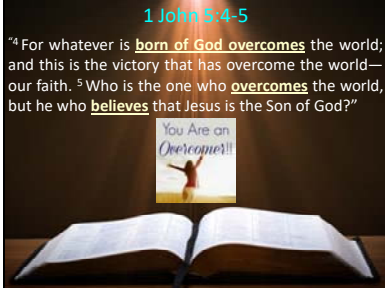
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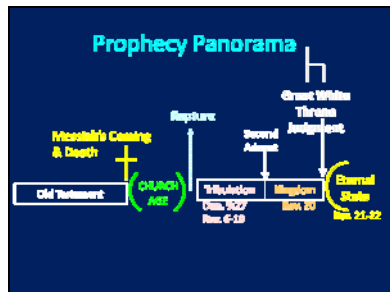
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1 John 5:4-5

⁴For whatever is **born of God overcomes** the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is the one who **overcomes** the world, but he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God?"




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7. Christ's Promises to Overcomers in Thyatira
(Rev. 3:5)


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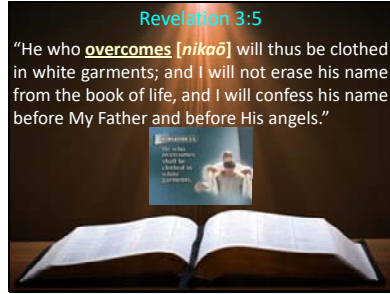
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Revelation 3:5

"He who **overcomes** [*nikāō*] will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels."



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Romans 8:37

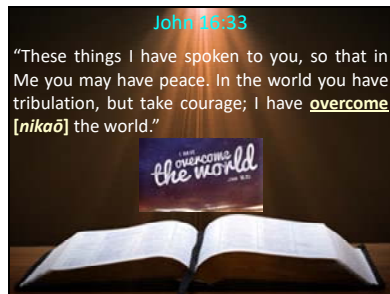
"But in all these things we **overwhelmingly conquer** [*hypernikaō*] through Him who loved us."



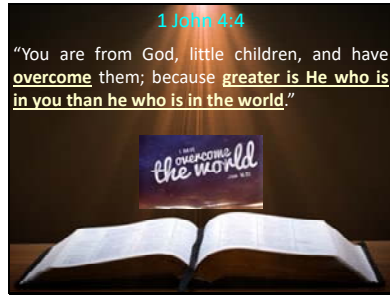
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John 16:33

"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have **overcome** [*nikāō*] the world."



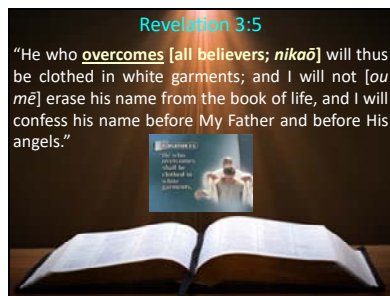
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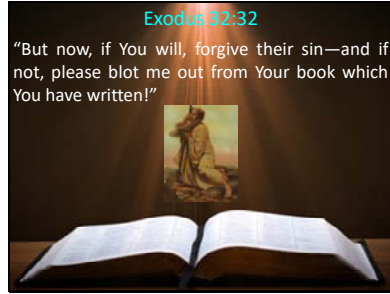
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Exodus 32:32

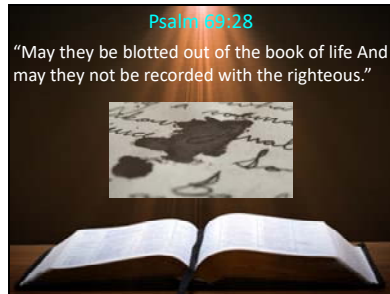
"But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!"



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Psalms 69:28


"May they be blotted out of the book of life And may they not be recorded with the righteous."



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Deuteronomy 6:4-7

⁴ "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!...⁶ These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall **teach** them diligently to your **sons** and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."



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"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)

1

Gal. 5:16-But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

1 Thess. 1:7-8- ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

1 Sam. 16:7- But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected

him; for ^[b]God *sees* not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Matt. 23:27- Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.

2

Heb. 11:25-choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.

Eph. 5:18-And do not get drunk with wine, ^[1]for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit

Eph. 2:10- For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

John 15:5- I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:8- My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples.

Matt. 25:23- His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.

1 Cor. 9:27-but I ^[1]discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

2 John 8-⁸ Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

Rev. 3:11-I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

3

John 13:17- If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jas. 1:22-But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

Acts 17:30- Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent

Rom. 6:23-For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jas. 1:14-15-¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin ^[p]is accomplished, it brings forth death.

1 Cor. 11:30-For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number ^[s]sleep.³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

4

Rev. 2:24- But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you.

1 Kgs. 19:18- Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.

Jas. 5:16- Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective [o]prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

5

Philip. 3:9- and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith.

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