HE WHO OVERCOMES

(Verb)

1. <u>1 Thessalonians 4:15-17</u> We who are alive and remain shall be caught up <u>together</u> - with them in the clouds - to meet the Lord in the air.

Note: Those verses do not tell us of a rapture of overcoming ones - but a resurrection, and those who are alive are - caught up together.

- 2. **Revelation 3:8,10** I know your works have kept my word and have not denied my name. (V:10) Because you kept my command to persevere I will also keep you from (not in) the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world.
- 3. **Revelation 21:7** He who overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he will be My son.

Note: To overcome - I need to know what it is I need to overcome - we may think it's a certain sin - or some on going habit - Paul was puzzled for he said in Romans 7:19 - For the good I <u>will</u> to do - I do not do - but the <u>evil</u> I will not to do - that I <u>practice</u>. He later found - it <u>was not</u> what he <u>did</u> - but what he <u>was</u>.

Romans 7:14 I <u>am</u> carnal - sold under sin. (V:24) O wretched man that <u>I am</u>. Romans 5:19... by <u>one</u> mans disobedience - <u>many</u> were made <u>sinners</u>.

John 3:6 That which is **born** of the **flesh** is **flesh**. Romans 8:12 Therefore brethren - we are debtors **not** to the flesh, to **live** - according to the flesh. (V:13) For if **you** - live - according to the flesh you will die.

Paul's Discovery

- 4. I thank God through (not by) Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 5. **Romans 6:6 Knowing THIS** our old man was crucified **with Him** that the body of sin might be done away with that we should **no longer** be **slaves** of sin.
- 6. <u>Galatians 5:24</u> those who are Christ's <u>have</u> crucified the flesh with it's passions and desires.
- 7. **Romans 6:5** For **if we** have been **united together** in the likeness of **His death** certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.
- 8. **Romans 8:1,2** Therefore there is no condemnation to those **in** Christ Jesus. (V:2) For the **law** of the **Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus has made me free from the **law** of **sin and death**.
- 9. <u>Colossians 3:3</u> For <u>you died</u> and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

- 10. <u>Colossians 3:5</u> Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth.
- 11. **Romans 6:12** Therefore **do not let sin** reign in your mortal body that you should obey it in it's lusts.
- 12. **Romans 6:17** But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine you were delivered into.
- 13. **Romans 8:13** For if you <u>live</u> according to the flesh you will die; but if <u>by</u> the <u>spirit</u> you put to death the <u>deeds</u> of the body you shall live.

<u>Note</u>: <u>Do not misunderstand</u> - the works of the flesh is one thing (Gal. 5:19-21) but - Romans 8:13 is <u>living</u> the - <u>life</u> - of the flesh. (V:5) For those - who live - according to flesh (life of the flesh) set their minds on the things of the flesh - but those who live according to the Spirit (life of the Spirit) the things of the Spirit.

14. **Romans 8:16-18** The Spirit Himself - bears witness with - our spirit - that we are the children of God - and if children then heirs - joint heirs with Christ - if in deed we suffer with Him - that we may be glorified together. (V:18) For I consider the sufferings - of this present time - are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed - **in us**.

Amen