



## 2 Lord, help me to close the gaps in my life.

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Revelation 3:2-3 (NKJV)

### JESUS' COUNSEL:

- Wake up!
- Strengthen what remains.
- Remember what you have heard.
- Obey and repent.
- Let go of your false security.

Jesus' warning to His children: I will come like a thief.

## 3 Lord, I will overcome.

You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Revelation 3:4-6 (NKJV)

### JESUS' CHALLENGE AND PROMISE

The picture of one who overcomes: dressed in white.

The promise for those who overcome:

- I will never blot his name out of the Book of Life.
- I will recognize him before My Father and angels.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN OVERCOMER?

For Israel and the church:

And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed [overcome (NIV)]."

Genesis 32:28 (NKJV)

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it [not overcome it (NIV)].

Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:4-5 (NKJV)

The promise of you being an overcomer is vital to Jesus.

# study notes

1. Read Isaiah 29:13 and Matthew 23:27-28. Discuss the characteristics of former believers who have removed their hearts from Christ.

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