

Mid-Week Devotion December 27, 2020

"Overcomers: that's us!

I don't know if you've noticed that throughout our current sermon series, "The 7 churches of the revelation: *Which are we?*" and after studying through each church mentioned there are several phrases that Jesus uses when addressing the churches in general. "He who has an ear. let him hear" is one. Which means, "You might want to pay attention to what is being said and who is saying it." It seems to me that when God Himself is saying something to us we might want to listen. Another phrase that He repeats is, "I know your deeds." Jesus, with His "all-knowing" eyes watches us constantly. He watches our church, Christ's Church of the Canyon. He watches our church leadership. And, He watches us as individual followers of Christ. Another phrase that He uses is "He that overcomes." Those who overcome are those believers in the churches that He's addressing. To overcome denotes action or a way of thinking leading to a specific lifestyle. Overcomers are people who don't guit or give up. They don't allow difficult circumstances to get the best of them yet they are defined by how they react to tough times. I know several people who fit this profile. Time after time they've found themselves struggling financially or they've encountered tremendous personal health hurdles and each time they've risen to the occasion and beat the odds. Those are the folks I watch and learn from. When beat down they always get back up. They follow Jesus' example and His journey to the cross. They are "overcomers."

This week's sermon on-line, "**The 7 churches of the revelation**: *Which are we?* In Revelation 3:15 Jesus very specifically mentions the church at Laodicea. He says, "I *know your deeds, that you are neither hot nor cold, I wish that you were hot or cold."* The sermon will be available Saturday, January 2 on line at christ'schurchofthecanyon.com.

Blessings this coming new year!

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