

# Overcome

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Ps 67; Rev. 21:9-14, 21-27; Jn 16:23-33

## Introduction

Christ is risen! [He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!]

CCT: Christ has overcome the world; in Him we,  
too, \_\_\_\_\_.

## I. Overcome

John 16:33 (ESV)

<sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

### A. "Take Heart"

The Greek word for "take heart" (*tharseite*) can also be translated as "have \_\_\_\_\_."

### B. "Overcome"

What is the object of our courage?

The Greek verb we translate as "have overcome" is related to the American company name, \_\_\_\_\_, meaning, "victory, conquer, overcome."

So, what is Jesus saying in John 16:33?

What is significant about *how* and *when* Jesus says this?

## **II. Baptism, Confirmation, and the Three Spheres of the Christian Life**

### **A. Baptism and Confirmation**

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> ... "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

How does confirmation relate to Baptism?

Romans 6:3–4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

In confirmation you publicly announce that the faith into which you were baptized is the same faith to which you are re-\_\_\_\_\_ your life.

Please join us for an enriching experience at the  
**2016 St. Paul's Marriage Retreat**

November 11 – 13, 2016

*Love, Respect & Forgiveness*



**Cost per couple:**

- + \$325 (**Early Bird Special**- If booked and paid **prior to 7/1/16**.  
The first 25 to register are also guaranteed Lake View Rooms)
- + \$350 (If booked **after 7/1/16**)
- + This low cost includes 2 nights stay and a Dinner Buffet for two on Saturday night!

**Where: Blue Harbor Resort**

725 Blue Harbor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

<http://www.blueharborresort.com>

[www.visitsheboygan.com](http://www.visitsheboygan.com)

The **Registration Form** can be found on [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org).

**Questions?**

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# Confirmation

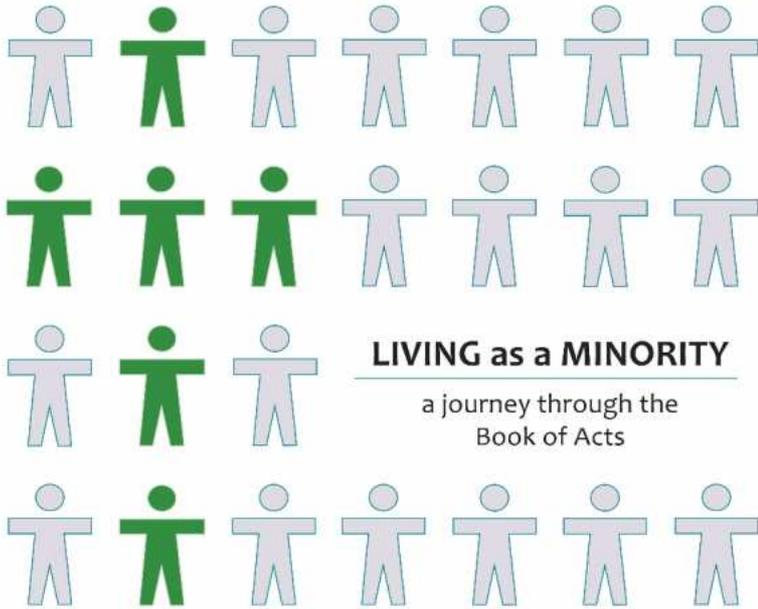


May 1, 2016

- † *Jake Richard Albright – Joshua 1:9*
- Katherine Faith Benes – Proverbs 31:25*
- † *Macie Shaye-Allen Borgman – Jeremiah 29:11*
- † *Joseph Robert Bratz – Philippians 4:6-7*
- † *Thomas Briggs – Joshua 1:9*
- † *Anna Claire Crowley – Isaiah 40:8*
- † *Lucas Matthew DeMars – Matthew 28:20*
- † *Jacob Michael Eberhardt – Nahum 1:7*
- Zoe Celeste Esveldt – Matthew 6:25*
- Brandon Louis Frosch – 2 Timothy 2:5*
- † *Evan John Junio – Proverbs 16:3*
- Brianna Elaine Kroll – Nahum 1:7*
- Evan Michael Metcalf – Joshua 1:9*
- Zander Miles Mueller – Psalm 46:1*
- † *Amber Marie Nagel – 1 Corinthians 16:13*
- Rachel A. Oelsner – 2 Timothy 1:6*
- † *Emma Fu Jie Schmeling – Revelation 1:8*
- † *Benjamin Thomas Stache – Psalm 119:105*

(† receiving the Lord's Supper for the first time)

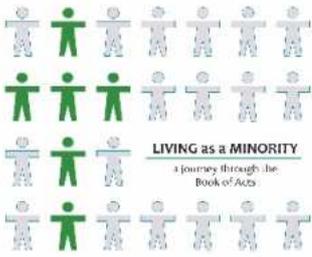
**Begins next week!**



# Small Group Bible Studies

*Small group studies correspond to each week's sermon, providing additional opportunities for fellowship, learning, and growth.*

**See back of this announcement for more details.**



## Small Group Bible Studies

*During the summer months, at present, three small groups will meet. We anticipate at least two more groups beginning after Labor Day.*

**Each week small group leaders will dialogue with the preaching pastor and prepare to lead discussions in their homes or other locations.**

### **DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS**

**Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.**

8 seats available.

Chuck & Jan Muecke, leaders

W293 Belleview Ave. Oconomowoc

**Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.**

6 seats available.

Dina Tanner & Gary Ketchum, leaders

438 River Bluff Circle. Oconomowoc

**Sundays (1 week delayed), 9:30 am**

Open, with 10-15 seats available.

Pastoral staff, leaders

St. Paul's Library (Room #201)

"1 week delayed" means the small group discussion is based on *previous week*.

**Other classes may be announced**

**Please register with the church secretary, 262-567-5001, to secure your opportunity.**

## **B. The Three Spheres of the Christian Life**

### **1. The Center**

What's at the center? A challenge from Jesus...

Matthew 12:46–50 (ESV)

<sup>46</sup> While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. <sup>48</sup> But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup> And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

John 6:40 (ESV)

<sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Romans 1:16–17 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Where does Christ promise to be?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 10.17)

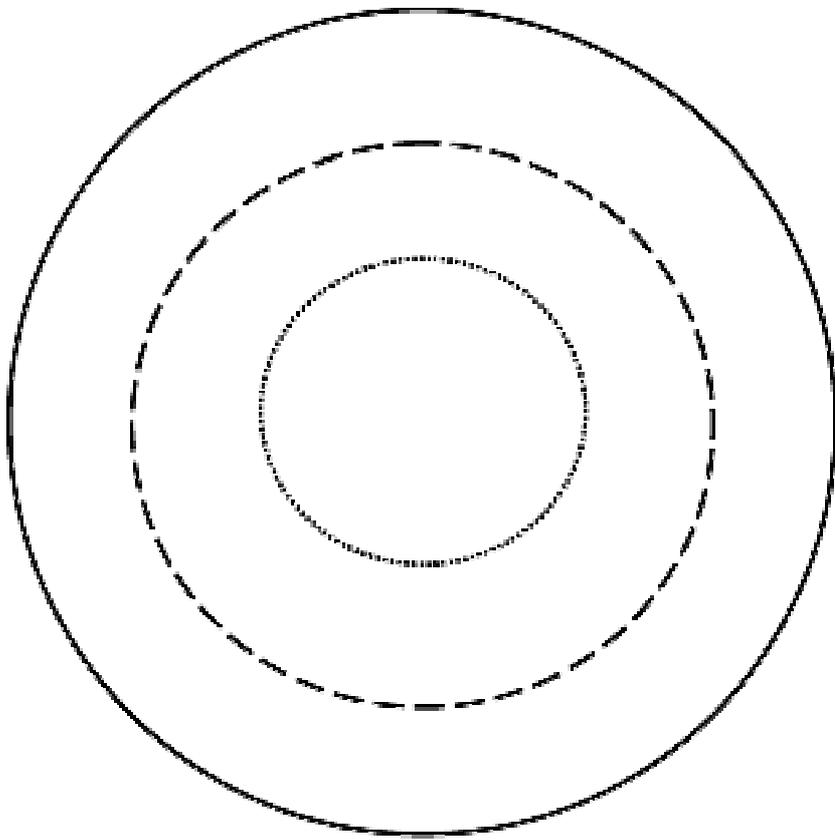
\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2.38)

\_\_\_\_\_ 's \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 11.24-25)

### **2. The 2nd and 3rd Circles**

Cf. 10 Commandments, *LSB*, 321-322

Cf. Table of Duties, *LSB*, 328.



### **The Three Spheres of the Christian Life**

### **Conclusion**