

OVERCOME
Evil
with
GOOD

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(vs 20 is a direct quote from Proverbs 25:21-22)

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 "**Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 "**teaching** them to observe all things that I have commanded you ; and lo, **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**How do we “immerse”
people into the reality of the
Father, the Son & the Spirit?**

Jesus, Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine **before men**, that they may see **your good works** and **glorify your Father** in heaven."

Kingdom Idea

1

Do not be overcome by evil

- Thru sin or anger or lies
- Don't give up the fight personally or for our communities and nation.

Kingdom Idea

2

But overcome evil with good

- How do you win your epic battle with evil?
 - Do good!
 - Find something good and do it for someone.

Kingdom Idea

2

But overcome evil with good

- **Fight hate with hate – hate grows.**
- **Fight anger with anger – anger grows.**
- **Fight hate with love – love wins.**

**Do you have the faith to believe
that good triumphs over evil?**

The Cross & Resurrection

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Even "enemy love"

Kingdom Idea

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“heap coals of fire on his head”



Not Really!!!

Coals of Fire

- Phrase Occurs 9 times – “coals of fire”
 - (Lev 16:12; **2 Sam 22:13***; Ps 18:12; Ps 18:13; Prov 25:22; Song 8:6; Eze 1:13; Eze 10:2; Rom 12:20)
- Refers to God’s Altar, **God’s presence** and references the lightnings that proceed from Him

2 Samuel 22:1 1-14

11 He rode upon a cherub, and flew; And He was seen upon the wings of the wind.

12 He made darkness canopies around Him, Dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

13 From the brightness before Him **coals of fire** were kindled.

14 "The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice.

= the power of God's presence

Coals of Fire = God's Presence

- Fire often symbolically speaks of God's presence and power.
 - Moses at burning bush
 - Dedication of The Temple by Solomon
 - Acts 2 – what was upon each of the 120 believers?
- **In OT, where did the “fire of God” reside or stay?**
 - Tabernacle or Temple
 - **Who is the “Temple” today?**

Learn to “heap coals of fire”

- Heap = to pile up (pile up the love, kindness, patience, care, concern, the good)
- Especially into the lives of those who don't know God (enemies).

Something as basic as food & water, when done in the name of Jesus, can make a difference.

We are called to bring 2 things into the lives of the people around us....

1) The Goodness of God

2) The Presence of God

We are called to put our God on display for all to see.

How?

Romans 12

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. **Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.**

10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, **in honor giving preference to one another;**

Romans 12

11 not lagging in diligence, **fervent in spirit**,
serving the Lord;

12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation,
continuing steadfastly in prayer;

13 distributing to the needs of the saints,
given to hospitality.

Romans 12

14 Bless those who persecute you; **bless and do not curse.**

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. **Do not be wise in your own opinion.**

Romans 12

17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

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Thought

- **We want to become the kind of person who does these things without thinking about them.**
 - Where loving folks and doing good become a part of the fabric of our lives.

Let's Learn to Heap it On!!!

- **Bring the presence of God into people's lives.**
- **Overcome evil with good, everyday!!!**

**Let's get good at being good
and doing good!!!**

Holy Spirit help us!

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Numbers 6:24-26

24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 The LORD make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;

26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace."