

**The Saints Reign -
*Satan's Last Stand***

Revelation 20: 4-10

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Devil = “*diabolos*” = accuser, slanderer;
one who cast himself between
two

Satan = “*satanas*” = adversary, opposer
of God and you

**The devil's main tools are deception
and discouragement**

Discouragement comes with:

- 1) Disappointments with people and life
- 2) When I am tired and worn out
- 3) Fear of people
- 4) Loss of confidence
(beaten down)

Steps to overcome discouragement:

- 1) Cry out to God - spend time with Him - ***meditate on His Word!***
- 2) Take a rest/reorganize your thinking
- 3) **Think about God** and not your problem/**Take captive your thoughts** - ***renew your mind!***
- 4) Return to your life - ***do not drop out!*** The devil, the divider, wants you out of action!!

Verse 4

The Saints reign

Two groups will reign:

Group #1 - The Church and Old Testament saints

Group #2 - The Martyred Tribulation Saints

How do these Tribulation saints overcome Satan? (Revelation 12: 11)

- 1) The blood of the Lamb
- 2) The word of their testimony
- 3) They did not love their lives to the death

Church Saints

Old Testament Saints

Tribulation Saints



Kingdom

Verse 5 - 6

The First Resurrection

For believers only!

Those who take part in the First Resurrection are ***“blessed”***

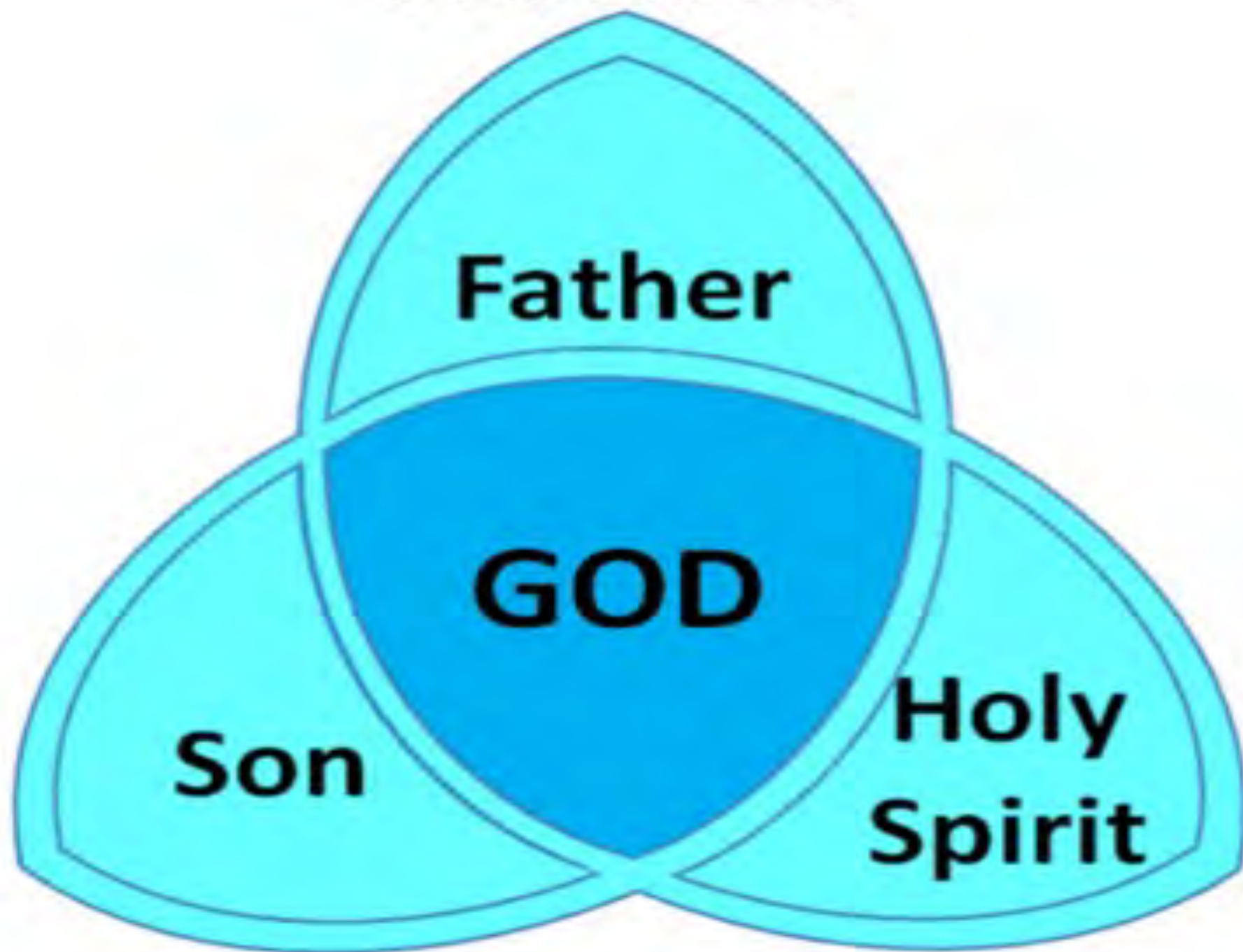
blessed = ***“markarios”*** = fully satisfied

It is **not** about your circumstances!

Markarios is the one who is in the world, yet independent of the world!

Jesus blessed us when He became one of us - *human!* - Philippians 2: 5-7

TRINITY



Who are the overcomers?

Those who reign with Christ are those rewarded at the Bema Seat Judgment - 1 Corinthians 3: 13-15

Only overcomers reign

Revelation 2:26

More clarification on this point:

2 Timothy 2: 11-13

Order of the First Resurrection:

- 1) The first one resurrected is Jesus
1 Corinthians 15: 23
- 2) The Raptured saints - *Church-age believers* - 1 Thessalonians 4: 16
- 3) The 2 witnesses
Revelation 11: 11-12
- 4) The Old Testament saints
Daniel 12: 2
- 5) The Tribulation Saints
Revelation 20: 4

Order or Tagma (1 Cor. 15:23)

General – Christ's resurrection (1 Cor 15:23)

Officer – Rapture (1 Thess 4:13-18)

Soldiers – OT saints & Tribulation martyrs (Rev 20:4)

Captives – Unsaved of all ages (Rev 20:5)

The Second Resurrection is for the lost - Revelation 20: 13

**Their resurrected bodies are
eternal and prepared for the Lake
of Fire**

Verse 7 - 10

Satan's last stand

**Satan's sentence expires; he
immediately reverts to his old ways -
*deception!***

Who does Satan deceive?

*The nations, the entire world,
the four corners of the earth!*

**Satan and his armies are allowed to
surround the capital city, Jerusalem**

**God ends his rebellion post haste!
*Fire from God devoured them!***

The result of Satan's foolish endeavor (verse 10a)

“The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the Lake of Fire”

In the final abode of all who rebel against God will be there (verse 10b)

“ tormented day and night forever and ever”

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

THE SAINTS REIGN -
SATAN'S LAST STAND

Everything we go through here *is not*
for nothing, it is not meaningless!!

We may not understand the crud, but
God is using our life experiences to
change us

The believer's life is all about change,
transformation

To really be a follower of Jesus you must have your mind, your thinking, transformed!

Transformed = “*metamorphoo*” =
a change of condition;
an internal change, a
changed heart

Romans 12: 1-2 says it perfectly!

**The glorified, fully transformed
you, will reign with Christ!**

**Hold loosely to here, do not cling to
this world - *it is passing!***

**Clingers are not transformed and
are not thinking with a renewed
mind**

***“For what will it profit a man
if he gains the whole world,
and loses his own soul?”***

Mark 8: 36