

Concerning the "Holy War" (Teenage)

The following are the reasons which I feel that the literature prepared for Overcomers is inadequate:

(Explanation: the following were compiled in about 30 minutes and may therefore be disorganized)

1. Miss Gates has said in my presence that she does not hold to the Westminster Confession of Faith; and at another time, that she felt that her theological position would have no bearing on the material which she was writing.
2. The thrust of each lesson addresses the students as though they were all outside of the Church: there is a confusion between believers and unbelievers.
 

The purpose of Overcomers, as I understand it, is to build up the faith of believers; not to evangelize unbelievers. The place for evangelistic material, on the whole, is outside the context of Overcomers.

If there are unbelievers present, God may choose to say them through the presentation of the Word; but, this does not mean that the program should be geared to the unbeliever.
3. There are certain inaccuracies, eg.:
  - a. pg. 8. P. 2, l. 2: the "strong man" of Luke 11 is Satan, not Christ.
  - b. p. 12; P. 1; l. 4: Acts 17:28 quoted out of context.
4. Inconsistencies with the Westminster Confession of Faith:
  - a. p. 2; P. last: here a false dichotomy is set up between Jesus as Lord and as Christ. It is implied that He can be the Saviour without being the Lord.
  - b. The plan of the lessons start with man and show how he can reach God, whereas, the Scriptures and the Confession of Faith clearly start with God and proceed to man, through the Law and the Person and Work of Christ: the Law gives the proper understanding of sin and the Person and Work of Christ accomplishes the salvation of the elect.
 

There is no adequate explanation of what sin is in any of the lessons.
  - c. p. 15; P. 2; l. 5: "the maintenance of a clean heart becomes a glorious possibility."
 

This is false. There is no possibility; either there is a clean heart or there is not.
  - d. Program 7: (esp. p. 20; P. 3; l. 8):
 

Faith is represented as a bridge: this is partly true and partly false. (Cf. What is Faith?; J. Gresham Machen)
  - e. A teaching of Free Will (Cf. Confession of Faith, Chap. IX)
    - 1) p. 4; P. 1; l. 12: "with such as clean choice...."
    - 2) p. 7; P. 2; l. 3: "I cannot agree with the poet. I have put my fate..." (That is, I am the captain of my soul, but I have chosen Christ to be.)
    - 3) p. 8; P. 2; l. 1: "I have made."; P. 3; l. 1: "I made..."
    - 4) p. 9; P. 2; l. 2: "I have put..."
      - l. 6: "Have you exchanged your life for his?"