

That You May Know

Overcomers — 1 John 5:1-5
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For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. - **1 John 5:3**

I. THE FRUIT OF SAVING FAITH

1. To believe that Jesus is the Christ (John 17:1-3).
2. To love the Father (Duet. 6:5; Mark 12:30).
 - a) to love the Father is to love his children and to obey him (vs. 2; 1 John 2:9-11, 4:20).
 - b) obeying God's commands is not a burden for the genuine Christ-follower (Matt. 11:28-30).
3. To love those who have been born of God (1 John 2:9-11).

II. FAITH THAT OVERCOMES

1. The victory we have over the world is not in ourselves but is attributable to our faith (vs. 4; Heb. 11).
2. Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God overcome. Not everyone wins this race (Matt. 7:13-14; John 3:18).

III. HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE FAITH THAT OVERCOMES

1. First find it in Jesus (John 14:6).
2. Ask God to develop within you a love for him and for his people (Mark 9:23-25; John 1:49-51).
3. Allow the new birth you've experienced to detach you from the world and attach you to God (1 John 2:15-17, 4:4).
4. Learn to love the commandments of God (vs. 3).
5. Ask God for this type of faith - believe that you will have it as a gift from him, and then work towards it (Luke 17:5-10; 2 Cor. 10:15).

KNOW: The world holds no power over those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. Faith is our great victory realized in and through Christ.

DO: Overcome the power of this world by faith in Christ.

Suggested Reading:

The Life of Trust: Being a Narrative of the Lord's Dealings with George Muller by George Muller (LifePoint Library #266.151).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read 1 John 5:1-5

1. What is John stressing in these verses?
2. Why is belief in Jesus the starting point for all of John's points in this section of his letter?
3. How does loving God and obeying his commandments show us that we also love God's children?
4. If everyone who is born of God overcomes the world, why do so many Christians struggle in this world?
5. How do we live a life that demonstrates that we are overcomers?
6. How can you specifically apply this passage to your own life this week and beyond?