

# Overcoming the World

**Text:** 1 John 5:1-5

**Topics:** Obedience, Victory

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World Overcomers...

1. Pursue faith and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:1-2a)
  - A. Our faith is focused on Jesus as the Christ - our Messiah and Savior.
  - B. John focuses our love towards "God's children."
    1. "To be born of God is to be born into a family, with obligations, not only towards the Father of the family, but also (as part of our obligation to him) towards all his children." Love for others is therefore a direct result as well as an obligation of having become one of God's children." James Boice
2. Partake in "burden-free" \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:2b-3)
  - A. Rightly understood and followed, God's commandments bring believers great joy and freedom, not a sense of oppression (cf. Matt. 11:28–30).  
ESV Study Bible
  - B. "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. All of you, take up My yoke and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 (HCSB).
  - C. "But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but one who does good works—this person will be blessed in what he does." James 1:25 (HCSB)
3. Possess the \_\_\_\_\_ that's found in Christ (1 John 5:4-5)
  - A. The word for "overcomer" comes from a Gr. word meaning "to conquer," "to have victory," "to have superiority" or "conquering power." The word reflects a genuine superiority that leads to overwhelming success. The word "overcomes" in the original language conveys the idea that the believer has continual victory over the world. John MacArthur
  - B. Both "conquer" and "victory" come from the same Greek word, nike, which is also the name of the Greek goddess of victory, speed, and strength. Nike's Roman name was "Victoria," and she unsurprisingly has wings in most paintings and statutes. Danny Akin.
  - C. "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:37–39)

# ***Application Questions***

1. Why is a confession of Jesus as the Messiah necessary for being in God's family? Is it possible to be a Christian and to waver on this issue?
2. How does a confession of Jesus as the Savior help with assurance in the Christian life? Is an ongoing confession more or less biblical than looking to a past decision for assurance?
3. Why is the new birth so important for the Christian? How does the new birth relate to repentance and faith?
4. Why must we maintain a connection between God's love and His commands? What is the danger of separating them?
5. Loving others without reference to loving God leads to a distorted understanding of love. What are some ways love can be distorted?
6. Do you consider obedience a joy or a burden? What can you do to make it more of a joy?
7. What does it mean for believers to have conquered the world? What role does faith play?
8. How do some people confuse faith in faith with faith in Jesus? What is the difference?
9. First John 5:5 says that the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God conquers the world. James 2:19 says that the demons believe there is one God. How are these two examples of belief different?