

THIS IS THE VICTORY

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INTRODUCTION

- A. TEXT: *“For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith. And who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”* (I John 5:4-5).
- B. SETTING:
1. John, writing a generation after the beginning of the church.
 2. Christians had been suffering much at the hands of “the world”.
 3. John is writing to them, as he did in the Revelation letter, to let them know that victory was theirs.
- C. WHAT IS VICTORY?
1. To prevail.
 2. Leads to Peace.
 3. TO OVERCOME.
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OVERCOME

- A. TERM “OVERCOME” USED 3 TIMES IN 2 VERSES.
1. “For whatsoever is begotten of God, overcometh the world.” v. 4
 2. “And this the victory that hat overcome the world, even our faith.” v. 4
 3. “And who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God.” v. 5.
- B. THE WORLD, HERE REPRESENTS:
1. Sin.
 2. Wickedness.
 3. That which Satan, Sin and the World Does To Man. Death!
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WE NEED VICTORY -

- A. OVER TRIALS IN LIFE.
1. *“Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptations; (trials)”* James 1:2.
 - a. Why count it joy?
 - b. Because of the victory it brings. (That can be ours).
 2. Victory gives us:
 - a. Proving of your faith. (James 1:3)
 - b. Patience or steadfastness. (James 1:4).

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B. OVER TEMPTATION OF SIN.

1. Temptations are going to come.
2. Satan tempted the Lord (Matt. 4). We know that he will attack us.
3. Rev. 12. The dragon. Make war with the rest of her seed. Individual Christians.

C. OVER SELF.

1. The Struggle. *"For the good which I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I practice. But if what I would not, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwelleth in me."* (Rom. 7:19,20).
2. The Way To Victory.
 - a. *"But I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected."* (I Cor. 9:27).
 - b. *"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."* (I Cor. 10:12).
 - c. *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it."* (I Cor. 10:13).
3. God Gives The Victory!

VICTORY

A. IN LIFE: "READ ROMANS 8:31-39.

1. More than Conquerors. v. 37.
2. The Love of God is ours in Christ, His Son.

B. IN DEATH:

1. Victory over 2nd Death. *"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years."* (Rev. 20:6).
2. How do we have Victory over the 2nd death? SANTO
3. Take part in the First Resurrection. (See Romans 6).

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HOW TO OVERCOME

- A. VICTORY COME TO HIM WHO BELIEVES. v. 4.
 - 1. Believer is begotten of God.
 - 2. Begotten - Born - Born of God.
 - B. LOVE LEADS TO FAITH. v. 2.
 - 1. When we love God and do his commandments, v. 2.
 - 2. John 14:15. *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."*
 - C. FAITH LEDS TO OBEDIENCE.
 - 1. Keep His commandments. v. 3.
 - 2. "Faith comes of hearing the words of Christ." (Rom. 10:17).
 - D. THUS OUR FAITH OVERCOMES THE WORLD.
 - 1. *"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God:"* v. 1.
 - 2. Is Born Of God. God Gives Us Life. Makes us New. (John 3)
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CONCLUSION

- A. *"O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord."*
(I Cor. 15:55-58).
 - B. *THAT YE MAY KNOW YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.* v. 13.
 - 1. "Even unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God."
 - 2. *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my word, he shall never see death."* (John 8:51).
 - C. VICTORY IS YOURS.
 - 1. Not earned by might and power.
 - 2. But victory - Given to us by God.
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