

## Maximum Joy: We Can Overcome

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1 John 5:5 (New International Version 1984)

*Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.*

**INTRODUCTION:** Changes & Changeless.

### We Can Overcome

**Victorious Faith:** Faith's power comes from Jesus.

- 1 John 5:4 *For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.* – (New Living Translation)
  
- 1 John 5:1 *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born from God. Everyone who loves the Father also loves his children.* – (New International Version 1984)

**Obedient Love:** Love for Christ makes obedience a joyful, willing response.

- 1 John 5:2c *The reality test on whether or not we love God's children is this: Do we love God? Do we keep his commands?* – (The Message)
  
- 1 John 5:3 *Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.* – (New Living Translation)

**Unified Witness:** God's gift of Jesus brings eternal life today and forever.

- 1 John 5:6 *Jesus Christ is the one who came with the water of his baptism and the blood of his death. He came not only with the water, but with both the water and the blood. And the Spirit himself testifies that this is true, because the Spirit is truth.* – (Today's English Version)
  
- 1 John 5:11-12 <sup>11</sup> *And this is the truth: God has given us the gift of eternal life, and this life is in His Son.* <sup>12</sup> *If you have the Son, you have eternal life. If you do not have the Son of God, you are not acquainted with true life.* – (The Voice)

**CONCLUSION:** Open the Gift.

# G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.



Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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**Monday:** Read *1 John 5:4-5*. What does it mean to overcome the world with victorious faith? Where are some places in your life where there is a need for victory? How does keeping one's focus on Jesus help you overcome?

**Tuesday:** Read *1 John 5:1*. How does a confession of Jesus as the Savior help with assurance in the Christian life?

**Wednesday:** Read *1 John 5:2*. How does love for God lead you to love others? How are you doing with love for God? Love for others?

**Thursday:** Read *1 John 5:3*. When do you find God's commands not a burden to live? When do they feel quite burdensome? Why the difference between the two in your life? How might Christ's love motivate changes for your life? Where have you seen this at work in the past? How might the Holy Spirit be filling you with His love to live out God's commands today?

**Friday:** Read *1 John 5:6-10*. The heretics of John's day taught that the divine Christ descended on Jesus at his baptism but left *before* his death. What is wrong with this view? How does the fact that Jesus Christ came by water (symbolizing his baptism) *and* blood (symbolizing his death) refute that heresy? How does each witness John lists affirm who Jesus is? How does your own experience confirm the truth that eternal life is found in Jesus?

**Saturday:** Read *1 John 5:11-12*. Why is it vital to remember that eternal life is God's gift for life today, not just when we die and go to heaven? Take time to thank God for his Son, and for the victory and eternal life we have in him. Take time to pray for those who do not have the Son of God and the gift of eternal life He brings. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead them to Christ. Pray to be part of the Holy Spirit's work in sharing Jesus with others. What do you sense He is leading you to do?