

sermon notes

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December 6, 2023 | "Overcoming the World" | 1 John 5:1-5

Overcoming worldliness requires:

- 1) A faith-filled commitment to _____
(5:1a)
- 2) A love-filled commitment to _____
(5:1b-2)
- 3) A joy-filled commitment to _____
(5:3)
- 4) A truth-filled commitment to _____
(5:4-5)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

1. Describe the relationship between love and obedience. Describe the relationship between faith, love, and obedience. Which comes first: (1) Regeneration, (2) Love for God, (3) Love for God's Children, or (4) Obedience to God's Commands?
2. Do you ever doubt your salvation? Why? What relieves your doubts? How does John address this issue? If John were here right now, would he assure you that you have saving faith, or would he assume that you don't? Why or why not?
3. How does John connect "the love of God" and "keeping his commandments" in this passage? Do you see obedience to God as an act of love? Do you see God's commandments as burdensome? Interact with Matthew 11:28-30 and consider the parallels between that passage and 1 John 5:1-5?
4. According to 1 John 5:1-5, where does victory over this world come from? Is this eternal victory or temporal victory? Are there any ways that the world is currently victorious over you? How do we experience victory through struggle, temptation, and trial in this present world?
5. Does it feel like Christians are at war with the world right now? Does it seem like Christians are victorious? Why or why not? How do we gain victory over this world?

Advanced Question: Read Psalm 19. Why does David celebrate the law of the LORD and God's commandments? Where else are the commandments of God celebrated in Scripture? Is this just an OT thing, or is it an NT thing too? How do we differentiate between love for the Law (i.e. God's commandments, principles, precepts, etc.) and a legalism that would depend upon the Law for salvation, which Paul stoutly renounced (See Rom 3:21-31; 4:14-25)?