

THE OVERCOMING LIFE

1 JOHN 5:1-5 - ERIC SIMPSON - APRIL 2, 2017

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¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

overcome = nikao (nik-ah-o) = to prevail, victory in the midst of a battle

John 16:33

"...In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

What does Jesus enable us to overcome?

➤ Satan

John 10:10

The thief comes to kill, steal, and destroy...

➤ Sin

"The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does." – Romans 7:22-25 (The Message)

➤ Self

Colossians 3:8-10

⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

"However strong a castle may be, if a treacherous party resides inside (ready to betray at the first opportunity possible), the castle cannot be kept safe from the enemy. Traitors occupy our own hearts, ready to side with every temptation and to surrender to them all."

– John Owen

How does He enable us to overcome?

➤ Believe (v. 1)

➤ Love (v. 2)

➤ Obey (v. 3)