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“Faith is the Victory”

1 John 5:1-5

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I. Introduction

A. Review

1. Chapter 1 — The Word of Life; Walking in the Light
2. Chapter 2 — Our Advocate & Example; The New Commandment; Your Friendly Enemy; The Spirit of Antichrist; Spirit-Led Knowledge; Sincere Sanctification; Children of God
3. Chapter 3 — God’s Love for His Children; Love That Reflects Christ; Love That Provides; Love That Is Confident Towards God; Love That is Confirmed
4. Chapter 4 — Spiritual Tests; God is Love; Emulation of the Example; Miraculous Manifestation; Courageous Compassion

B. The Believers’ Power

1. We face an enemy
 - a) An enemy we are not to love or sell ourselves out to
 - b) An enemy that would destroy us
 - c) We’ve seen many of the world’s tactics already
 - d) Also we’ve seen how we might combat those things
2. Now in this passage we see some additional ways
3. Perhaps the greatest way we might overcome the world
4. We will see the victory already secured by Christ
5. What we need to do to partake in this victory
6. As we look at this chapter now as a whole
7. Today with these verses we see that “Faith is the Victory”

II. Victory Through the _____ (v. 1)

A. Whosoever — Anyone and Everyone

1. No matter your past
2. No matter your family life
3. No matter what the theological gurus say
4. God is not _____

B. Believeth

1. There are many things out there to be believed
2. It's not enough simply to believe something
3. It also matters *what* you believe
4. Scripture's theme — Only believe!

C. Believe what?

1. Believe Jesus
2. That He is the Saviour; the one and only Way of salvation
3. Beware of counterfeits; look out for _____

D. New Birth

1. The person who does this is said to be born of God
2. So then, ANYONE who puts his faith and trust in Christ and repents of his sins is born of God
3. We've seen already what it means to be born of God
 - a) The idea is that we have a new birth, or i.e. that we are made new
 - b) 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - c) 1 Peter 1:23
 - d) Titus 3:4-5
4. We see a result of being “born again” in Jesus' words to Nicodemus in John 3
 - a) John 3:3
 - b) At the confusion of Nicodemus, Jesus clarifies in John 3:5
 - c) So then, the new birth is a _____ birth into God's family (Romans 8:16-17)

d) The result of the new birth is eternal life through Christ

E. Christian Love

1. Our love for the One who saved us should compel us to love others who are saved as well
2. Him that begat: God (1 Peter 1:3)
3. Him also that is begotten: We the saved
4. We ought to love one another
5. The idea is also here that if we truly love God, we love His Son, Jesus Christ
6. John 1:14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of *the only begotten of the Father*,) full of grace and truth.

III. Victory Through the _____ of God (vv. 2-3)

- A. We already saw in the previous verse that we are to love one another as brethren (1 Peter 1:22)
- B. There is a standard to show that we love the children of God – By loving God!
- C. How then do we show that we love God?
 1. Keep His commandments
 2. Jesus, as God in the flesh, told us in John 14:15. *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*
 3. So then, the only way to love the brethren and show that we love the brethren is to love God and keep His commandments
 - a) This rules out acting on what I want
 - b) This rules out acting on what others want
 - c) It leaves room only for what God desires for each of us
 - d) This takes a great deal of submission; Yielding _____ will for _____
 4. This includes the command we've seen repeatedly already: John 15:12
 5. We Love God's people by loving God and keeping His commandments

6. But we also Love God and keep His commandments when we love God's people

D. Boundaries (v. 3)

1. A loving parent sets boundaries and rules for a child
2. God shows us His love in His commandments
3. We see the heart of God and His desire for us as His children
4. In His boundless love, he desires that we adhere to His commandments
 - a) Keep: *to regard, to _____ to; to have in custody for security or preservation*
 - b) We understand that we are to obey Him and do what he says
 - c) Why would we “guard” His commands? Because we value them and there are those who would abuse and twist them
5. His commandments are not grievous
 - a) Thus we must _____ them and _____ them on
 - b) Grievous: *Afflictive; painful; hard to be borne; Causing grief or sorrow*
 - c) They may at times conflict with the flesh and that's alright as long as we do not succumb to the flesh (Galatians 5:17)
 - d) Jesus said that His yoke is easy and His burden is _____
 - e) HIS commands are not grievous; If there is a problem, it is with us
 - f) ANYTHING He calls us to is no great thing
 - (1) This includes His call to keep His Commandments; we are redeemed and He wants us to live like it and point others to Him
 - (2) This includes any trials we might be called to bear (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)
 - g) The reasons for His commands are not grievous; He loves and want to protect us
 - h) The commandments in and of themselves are not grievous; He's given us His power and might to love and follow Him
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IV. Victory Through _____ (v. 4)

A. The world

1. The system of the world, as we saw in 2:15-17
2. It's lack of morals
3. It's sin and debauchery that more and more is readily accepted
4. Those sold out to the world who would oppose Christ

B. The _____

1. We who have been saved
2. This verse says that we are guaranteed overcomers
3. But again, to overcome the world, we must be born of God
4. No God, No Victory

Know God, Know Victory

C. Power of Faith

1. Here we see that faith IS the victory that overcometh the world
2. Due to the One on whom our faith is placed – God Almighty
3. So then it is not simply the fact that we have faith, it is Whom we have _____ our faith and trust in
4. We have just been talking about being born of God which is faith unto Salvation (Ephesians 2:8)
5. If we are born of God we can overcome the world around us and do it by faith
6. Salvation by grace through faith is in itself victory over Satan and his doomed domain

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V. Victory Through _____ (v. 5)

- A. To Further reinforce our previous points, John asks a question of reiteration and summation

B. Who can overcome the world? – perhaps a complex question

1. The world is on a downward spiral
2. If any one of us or any number of us attempts opposition to the world, we are doomed for failure
3. We can't even overcome _____
4. So how do we do it?

C. The question has a rather simple answer:

1. He that _____ that Jesus is the Son of God
2. Again, we see the idea of faith – faith in the fact that Jesus is the Son of God
3. So then faith, as we have seen, is the victory that overcomes the world
4. Interesting how the question is phrased
 - a) It leaves no room for doubt
 - b) There is no other type of person who can overcome the world
 - c) Many try to just “be good” and “do good” in this life and hope it counts for the next
 - d) The only way we can overcome and be victorious in this life is through Christ
 - e) His _____ atoning work on the cross
 - f) His death, burial, and resurrection for us!

D. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

E. As we saw already in 1 John 4:4. *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

F. So we can have . . .

1. Victory Through the New Birth
2. Victory Through the Love of God
3. Victory Through Faith
4. Victory Through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!