

Questions for Discussion and Application

1. Read 1 John 5:1-12 together.
2. What does it mean for the Christian to be “*in* the world,” but not “*of* the world?” (John 15:18-19)
3. Review 1 John 2:15-16.
 - a. What is the “lust of the flesh?”
 - b. What is the “lust of the eyes?”
 - c. What is the “boastful pride of life?”
 - d. Which of these threats of the world are you most vulnerable to?
4. In 1 John 5:4 it says that our **faith** is the victory that overcomes the world.
 - a. What is faith according to John (see 1 John 5:5)?
 - b. How does faith help us overcome the threats of the world?
5. 1 John 5:12 says, “He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” Based on this criteria, do you have life (eternal)?
 - a. If you are certain that you do have life, what is the basis for your certainty?
 - b. If you are *not* certain, what doubts or questions do you have?

Next sermon: 1 John 5:13-21

Drawing Closer: Fostering Fellowship with the Father (A Study of 1 John)

“A Victorious Faith”

1 John 5:1-12

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¹Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For whatever is born of God **overcomes the world**; and **this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith**. ⁵Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. ¹⁰The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. ¹¹And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

1. **OUR THREAT: THE “WORLD”**

- a. What is the “world?”
- b. The three-fold threat of the world (1 John 2:15-16)

1 John 2:15-16 (NASB95)

¹⁵Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh** and the **lust of the eyes** and the **boastful pride of life**, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

- The lust of the flesh
- The lusts of the eyes
- The boastful pride of life

2. OUR VICTORY: FAITH

a. What is “faith?”

⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our **faith**. ⁵Who is the one who overcomes the world, but **he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

b. Faith is only as good as the object of faith

- The testimony of water and blood

⁶This is the One who came by **water and blood**, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood.

- The testimony of the Spirit

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- The testimony of God

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