



Part 18: My Toothless Enemy

1 John 4:4

1. Fill in the blanks from the sermon. Spiritual Principle – Satan _____ defeat ____ because the _____
_____ lives ____ me.

2. Have you ever been on a losing team? How does losing *over and over* negatively affect people?

 - a. How does being on a winning team positively impact people?

 - b. In what sense *don't* Christians always win in life, and in what sense *do* we always win in life?
Consider John 16:33; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Romans 8:37-39; Romans 8:28.

3. Read 1 John 4:4. What does it mean to be a child of God? How does this occur? Consider John 1:12-13; 1 Peter 1:13; 1 John 3:1.

 - a. How am I negatively impacted when I forget that I am a child of God? What struggles become easier to give into?

4. Read 1 John 4:1-4. How can you tell who is “from God” and who is “not from God?” Why should this matter to you?

 - a. In v. 4, who is the “them” that God’s children “overcome?”

 - b. Who are they under the influence of?

 - c. In what sense do we “overcome them?” How do we continue to gain victory over them?

d. Is our victory potential or is it already complete according to 1 John 4:4? How can you tell?

e. Why is this ongoing victory over false teaching about Jesus so amazing and miraculous? Consider Ephesians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:19.

f. Talk about the discernment you've experienced over the years regarding what is and what is not true about *Jesus*. Compare this to the world's understanding. What is the difference?

5. Read 1 John 4:4 along with 1 John 3:24, 4:2. Who specifically is "in you" if you're a believer in Jesus?

a. What is the significance of Him being "in you" according to 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 6:19?

b. Why does the Holy Spirit living in you make it impossible for Satan to ultimately deceive you about *who* Jesus is and *what* He's accomplished for you? Consider John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13-14.

c. How does the Holy Spirit gain more and more influence over you according to Ephesians 5:18-21 and Ephesians 4:30-32?

6. When you stumble and fall and fail – how will you remember and be strengthened by your winning status from Jesus?
