

L12 | This World | "Faith Is the Victory" | 1 John 5:1-5

I. Intro/Review:

- Mind Not Earthly Things
 - What it isn't? What it is?
 - Victory of earthly things is being able to possess them without placing our happiness or trust in them.
 - The world works to bewilder and delude our souls to confuse us as to what we are to think of ourselves and forget what we are and what we have.
 - Where there is much of the spirit of the world there is little faith.

- 1. Rom. 12 - be not conformed to this world
- 2. James 4:4 - friendship with the world is enmity with God
- 3. Eph. 5:5 - covetousness is idolatry
- 4. 1 Tim. 6:9 - temptation and snare
- 5. 2 Tim. 4:10 - breeds apostasy
- 6. Ps. 119:36-37 - overcomes your spiritual life
- 7. Luke 21:34 - become unfruitful
 - Luke 8:10-15
- 8. Luke 12:15-21 - impacts preparedness to die

II. Preview:

1. Faith Is the Victory
2. The Armor of God

III. Sermon:

1. Faith Is the Victory - evidences of heavenly conversation

- **1 John 5:1-5**
 - **"this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."**
 - Not simply because of faith, but who are faith is in
 - Jn. 16:33 - "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."
 - The world needed to be overcome and we live in the world in a time where the world has been overcome by Jesus Christ.
 - We have promise that His victory is ours
 - 1 Cor. 15:50-57
 - Eph. 2:4-7

- **Faith**
 - Heb. 11:1 - "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

 - "By faith, we understand that the prosperities of the world cannot further,

and the troubles and trials of the world cannot hinder, man's eternal happiness."

- Richard Alleine - English Puritan

1. **Set Affection on Things Above** - Col. 3:1ff; Php. 3:21; 2 Cor. 5

- Heaven is home and your eye is their - pilgrims on this earth
- Rip open your spiritual heart - what is there
- Earth once our home, but now it is strange

1) Look Upon the Things of the Earth as Small

- Grasshoppers - Isa. 40:22
- Light Affliction - 2 Cor. 4
- 1 Cor. 1 - noble, wisdom of the world
- Col. 2 - philosophy
- 1 Tim. 6 - riches

2) Filled with Heavenly Riches

- Eph. 3 - filled with Christ

3) Use earthly things after heavenly purpose

- Thinking on creation to elevate the mind and heart toward the Creator
- Rom. 12 - enemy thirst and hunger - feed and give drink
- Marriage
- 2 Cor. 9 - all grace

4) Willingness to depart this earth

- 2 Cor. 5
- Php. 1

2. **Concerned about the Intake of Heavenly Things**

- 1 The. 2:13, 1 Tim. 4, 2 Tim. 2:15
- Jas. - wisdom from above
- Pray without ceasing

3. **God All in All**

- 1 Cor. 15 - in what we do, in what we think, in what we enjoy
- Col. 3 - word of Christ dwell in you richly

4. **Contentment**

- Php. 4 - joy in the midst of lack
- 1 Tim. 6
- 1 Cor. 7
- 2 Cor. 6:10
- God is our portion - nothing one can do to your soul and your soul is right with God
- Boast not at your abundance and complain not of your lack

5. **When the saints of heaven gather together and converse of our heavenly country**

- Eph. 4 - speaking the truth in love

- Eph. 5 - speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
- Church shouldn't sound like, in speech, like the world nor act like the world in conduct.

2. The Armor of God

- Eph. 6 - all spiritual provisions to combat the spiritual wickedness
- "Shield of Faith" - commonly used (fiery darts of the wicked)
- 2 Cor. 10:3-6 (fight the good fight of faith)
- Rom. 13:11-14

IV. Conclusion:

- Pro. 16:32 - "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."
 - Rule over the whole world
- 1 Cor. 3:21-23