

## 1 John 5 Sermon Notes

Thesis: Through Jesus, believers celebrate victory over sin and death, and therefore have a responsibility to comprehend, proclaim, and practice this victory in their everyday lives.

### I. KNOW: We Have Overcome the World

- **1 John 5:1-5 NKJV** *“<sup>1</sup>Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”* Let’s pray... Amen, you may be seated.

#### A. By Faith (vv. 1-5)

- a. Love One Another
- b. Obey His Commands
- c. Share in His Victory
  - i. **1 John 5:4-5** *“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”*

#### B. By Christ’s Example

- a. **1 John 5:6-10** *“<sup>6</sup>This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that bear witness, <sup>8</sup>the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. <sup>9</sup>If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His son. <sup>10</sup>He who believes in the son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.*

#### C. By the Scriptures (11-13)

- a. What has He overcome?
  1. **Fear and Anxiety**
    - a. 1 John 4:18
  2. **Hatred and Persecution**
    - a. John 15:18-20; 1 John 4:4
  3. **Sin and Temptation**
    - a. Ephesians 2:4-6
  4. **Spiritual Forces**
    - a. Hebrews 2:14, 18
  5. **Sorrow and Death**

a. 1 Corinthians 15:26-27, 32; Revelation 21:2-5

II. GROW: We Help Others (14-17)

A. Pray for Others because God Hears (14)

1. **1 John 5:14-17** *“<sup>14</sup>Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. <sup>16</sup>If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. <sup>17</sup>All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.”*

a) **James 5:16** *“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”*

B. Pray for Others because God Helps

1. **1 John 5:15** *“<sup>15</sup>And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”*
2. **Philippians 4:6-7** *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*
3. **John 16:23-24** *“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”*

C. Pray for Others because God Heals (16-17)

1. **1 John 5:16-17** *“<sup>16</sup>If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. <sup>17</sup>All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.”*
2. **James 1:14-15** *“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when it is full-grown brings forth death.”* So John can't be saying that there's one sin that is ok to sin.
3. **Mark 3:28-29** *“Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter, but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation...”*
4. **1 John 1:9** *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.”*

III. SHOW: We Have Overcome the Wicked One

A. Untouchable Transfiguration (18)

1. **1 John 5:18** *“We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.”*
2. **John 10:28-30** *“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one.”*

B. Undeniable Triumph (19)

1. **1 John 5:19** <sup>19</sup>*We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.”*
2. **1 Corinthians 15:54-57** <sup>54</sup>*So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying, that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”* <sup>55</sup>*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?* <sup>56</sup>*The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.* <sup>57</sup>*But thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

C. Understanding Truth (20-21)

1. **1 John 5:20-21** <sup>20</sup>*And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.* <sup>21</sup>*Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”*