

Earlier in 1 John we saw that spiritual young men overcome the wicked one and that little children in the faith overcome the dark spirit world we all face. We are born again by God and empowered by Him to overcome it all. There is also the reality that every born again believer will overcome in the end. It is our destiny. Yet, there are many times we stumble and are overcome by things in this world. John expounds on this topic today and gives the key ingredient to our overcoming which is our _____. Faith is believing what God says over how we naturally see, think, or feel...and over how the world naturally sees, thinks, and feels. This is another favorite, powerful topic from the Apostle John.

OVERCOMING BY OUR FAITH – 1 John 5:1-5

1. By Faith We are Born Again into God's Family and Overcome – v. 1-2a

- Jesus overcame every enemy for us bringing us into His family – 1 John 2:13-14, 4:4; John 16:33; 1 Cor. 15:19, 55-57; Eph. 2:19-22.
- Our faith _____ in His finished work saves us – Rom. 3:27-28, 4:4-5, 5:1; Eph. 2:8-9; Gal. 2:16.
- It can take _____ faith to overcome struggles between brethren – Luke 17:1-5; Rom. 10:17.
- Why faith and not _____ – Mark 15:32; John 20:26-31; 1 Pet. 1:8-9?

2. By Faith in God's Commandments We Grow and Overcome – v. 2b-3

- Though we may struggle with God's commandments, we grow and fulfill our destiny by believing and walking faithfully in them day by day – Rom. 8:29; Ecc. 12:13; Lk. 11:28.
- We walk by faith seeing the _____ world of God – 2 Cor. 5:7; Matt. 8:5-10; Heb. 11; 2 Tim. 1:7.

3. By Faith We Can Overcome Anything in this World – v. 4-5

- We can overcome and yet be overcome ourselves by evil and _____ of the world – Gen. 49:19 (first mention); Rom. 12:21; 2 Pet. 2:20.
- _____ that is in the world – 1 John 2:16; Rom. 8:36-37; 2 Cor. 10:3-5.

The lust of the flesh =

The lust of the eyes =

The pride of life =