

How To Overcome The World

(1 Jn.5:1-5)

The greatest commandments

(Mt.22)

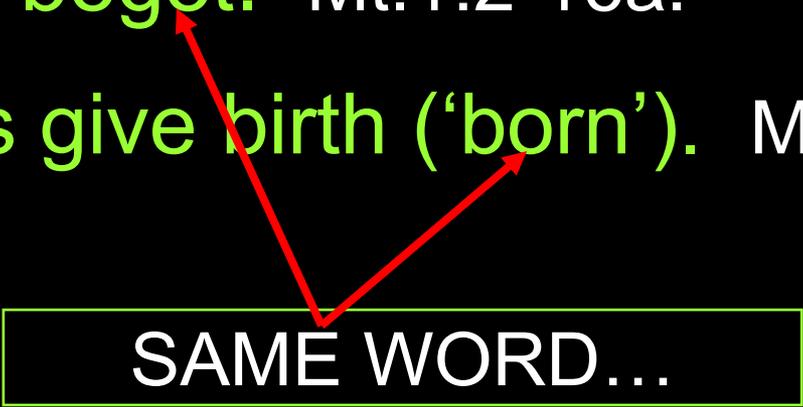
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1 John 5:1-5 = sandwich [1 . . . 5]

1: born (ASV...: begotten)

○ Fathers beget. Mt.1:2-16a.

○ Mothers give birth ('born'). Mt.1:16b.



SAME WORD...

Three tests

1. Belief, 1, 5 (4)

Faith is not gullibility. 4:1 ... (gnosticism)

○ Truth claims:

- Jesus is Christ, 1.
- Jesus is Son of God, 5.

Do I believe?

Three tests

1. Belief, 1, 5 (4)

2. Love, 1-3 (five times)

Loving God implies obedience (Jn.14:15) ...

Proves we love children of God ...

Love to God and man are inseparable

Natural for child of God
to love children of God.

Three tests

1. Belief, 1, 5 (4)
2. Love, 1-3 (five times)
3. Obedience, 2

Keep His commandments (three times) 2-3

Proves we love God

Not burdensome:

Heavy; severe.
Love makes the difference. 2 Co.5:14

Three tests

1. Belief, 1, 5 (4)
2. Love, 1-3 (five times)
3. Obedience, 2

Result: we overcome, 4-5 (three times)

Victory; to conquer, prevail.

Overcome **world**, 4-5 (three times)

Synonym: 2:13-14

I. Our Victory Rooted In Victory Of Christ

We share in **His victory**

Having **disarmed** principalities and powers,
He **made a public spectacle of them,**
triumphing over them in it – Col.2:15

- Take off (garment), disarm (supernatural powers). Soldiers: of clothes / weapons – a symbol of total defeat. [2 Co.11:3, 13-15]
- Make display of, disgrace, put to shame.
- Lead around (as prisoners) in triumphal procession. [Roman generals marched victorious armies through streets of Rome...]

Jesus has overcome **the world**

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world – Jn.16:33

What does this mean to me?

1. Jesus conquered **satan**

- Lk.11:20-22

1. Jesus died on cross

2. Hope died in hearts of His friends

3. Message: '**Christ defeated**' (Lk.24)

4. Third day: '**Christ defeated the enemy**'

2. Jesus overcame darkness of **ignorance** and **error**

- Jn.8:12

1. Feast of Tabernacles, 7:2, 8-11, 37

2. Jewish writers: large candelabra lighted Court of Women on first evening of Feast (recalled pillar of fire at Exodus)

3. All agree the lighting did not take place on last evening

4. 8:20, Court of Women

5. 8:12, *I am the Light of the world*

3. Jesus overcame **sin and death**

- 1 Co.15:54-57
 - We are surrounded by forces of evil – death, disease, slander, injustice, persecution.
 - But: enemy was defeated at Calvary.
 - Battle is decided, though not over – it's only a matter of time.

3. Jesus overcame **sin and death**

- 1 Co.15:54-57
 - **54**: prophecy (Is.25:8): death swallowed up (Num.16:30...).
 - **55**: death personified
 - **56**: death itself is harmless; sin makes it frightful.
 - **57**: victory!

What death did to Jesus is nothing compared to what Jesus did to death.

I. Our Victory Rooted In Victory Of Christ

**II. Our Faith Must
Overcome The World**

The world attacks those who want to become a Christian

1. Hear gospel: overcome indifference. Ac.28:26-28
2. Believe in Jesus: overcome doubt, prejudice, Ac.28:24.
3. Repent of sins: overcome self-will. Lk.8:13f.
4. Confess Jesus is the Christ: overcome cowardice. Jn.12:42-43.
5. Baptized: overcome human wisdom.

'World' especially targets Christians

1. Temptations, 2:15-17.
2. Church problems, 2:19.
3. False doctrines, 4:4

ISRAEL: God's plan, but sinners took a toll on the faithful...

CHURCH: God's plan but...

Revelation 2-3