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"WE ARE OVERCOMERS"

1 John 5:4-5



OVERCOMING:

1. Learning something new
2. Those who sin against you, hurt you.
3. Accidents
4. Physical limitations
5. Disabilities
6. Diseases, cancer, physical sickness
7. Life's trials, difficulties

WE BELIEVERS ARE OVERCOMERS...

- It's what John talks about in our text.
- Another birthmark of the believer...
- What have you overcome? John answers -
- How have you overcome? John answers that too -
- So, what's so important about this overcoming?
- Why is it insignificant? Why does it matter?
- And most of all – what does it mean in our everyday lives?

SOME FACTS ABOUT νικαω - OVERCOMING, DEFEATING, CONQUERING, VANQUISHING THE WORLD:

OVERCOMING THE WORLD:

I. Acknowledges there is a problem

- A. The problem of the world, and it's leader – Satan – seeks to hurt, tempt, deceive & destroy

SATAN:

- Fought your every move to become a Christian.
- Will do everything in his power to keep you from following Christ and having a testimony for Him.
- He is after you and your children, constantly!
- (*His demons, the world, the flesh and the devil.*)

(SATAN) WILL PLAY MANY PARTS TO DEFEAT YOU. THE BIBLE WARNS US THAT HE IS:

- A liar to confuse (*Genesis 3:4*)
- The devil to deceive (*Revelation 20:10*)

- The adversary to accuse (*Rev. 12:10*; "accuser of the brethren")
- An angel of light to misrepresent (*2 Corinthians 11:14*) transformed
- The god of the age to blind (*2 Corinthians 4:4*) from the gospel.
- The enemy to oppose (*Matthew 13:39*) that sowed the tares
- The tempter to allure (*1 Thessalonians 3:5*) to tempt you.

SO WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- When you realize (Satan) is trying to defeat your Christian testimony?
- Do exactly as *James 4:7* says:
- You will find that a complete submission to God, and a firm resistance to Satan will bring quick relief from Satan's workings for the present. ("he will flee from you"!)

B. The world stands in the way – *the world wants you to think, act, live like they do.*

There is a constant war going on.

That's why John says here in Christ **we have overcome!!**

II. We must see that we have overcome *How?*

- A. A believer's faith (*Hebrews 11:6*) - Now faith is *the* certainty of *things* hoped for, a proof of things not seen.

BY FAITH: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sara, children of Israel, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthae, David, Samuel, and the prophets. *All Overcame: HOW? Faith!!*

- B. Overcomers believe

overcomers, conquerors, winners – νικαω
Nike used 4 times in this passage.



CONCLUSION:

- The only One who has overcome the world is Jesus.
- And without faith in Christ no one is able to face down the evil, the hopelessness, and the self-defeat that the world presses on us day after day.
- It's why Paul tells Timothy to endure hardness as a soldier (*2 Timothy 2:3*)
- We are soldiers! And the victory to overcome is promised in Jesus!