



The Victory that Overcomes

(1 John 5:1-5)

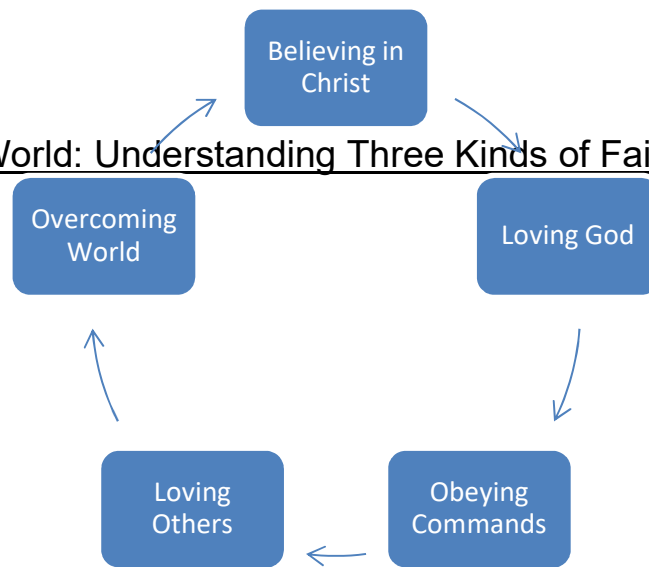
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This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

- 1 John 5:4

I. Birthmarks of the Children of God

II. Overcoming the World: Understanding Three Kinds of Faith



- Saving Faith
- *Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved... Acts 16:31*

- Resting Faith
- *Not I but Christ lives in me... I live by faith... Gal. 2:20*

- Active Faith
- *Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life... 1 Tim. 6:12*



Study and Discussion Questions

1 John 5:1-5

Explore It

1. How can a person know if he or she loves God's people? (5:2)
2. What unique quality do God's commands have? Why is this true? (5:3-4)
3. How can we overcome the world? (5:4-5)

Get It

4. How do you know that you are a child of God?
5. What are the commands of God with which you struggle with obeying?
6. When have you thought that God's commands were burdensome?
7. Reflect for a moment on the two major characteristics of the world described earlier (see 2:15-17; 4:1-6)

What then does it mean for us to "overcome the world?"

When and how does this victory take place (vs. 4-5)?

Apply It

8. How will you demonstrate your love for the Father today?
9. How can you intentionally enhance your understanding and experience that you are a child of God?