

BOOK OF 1 JOHN
Lesson #15 -Overcoming the World
Scripture Reading: 1John 5:1-5

Introduction:

1. Overcoming the world is more than conquering cultures.
2. Christians must overcome the world to win the eternal prize set before us.
3. How do we overcome the world?

I. WHY OVERCOMING IS SO VITAL

- A. ETERNITY IS IN THE BALANCE -Mt 7:13, 14
- B. WE MUST KEEP UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD -Ja 1:27

Since overcoming the world is so vital, how do we overcome the world?

II. THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS

- A. FAITH IN WHO JESUS IS
 1. He is the Son of God
 - a. The good confession -Mt 16:13-20
 - b. The confession of Martha -Jn 11:25-27
 - c. Without this faith we are lost -Jn 8:24
 2. He is the Christ (i.e. the Anointed One of God) -Ac 2:36; Heb 1:1-3
- B. FAITH IN HIS RESURRECTION
 1. We must believe He arose from the dead -Ro 10:9, 10
 2. Without this faith we are lost -1Co 15:12-19

III. THROUGH LOVE FOR GOD

- A. LOVING GOD IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT -Mt 22:37, 38
 1. When we love God we will put Him first in our lives
 2. When we love God we will always strive to please Him
- B. LOVING GOD WITH ALL OUR BEING
 1. This leaves no room for selfish ambition
 2. This motivates us to live in fullness to Him -1Ti 4:15, 16

IV. THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO GOD

- A. LOVE IS THE MOTIVATION FOR OBEDIENCE
- B. HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT BURDENSOME
 1. Some see the Bible as too restrictive
 2. What God keeps us from is harm
 - a. E.g. David with adultery and murder
 - b. One cannot walk across coal without getting burned -Pr 6:20-35

Conclusion:

1. We must overcome the world if heaven is to be our home someday.
2. We can overcome through Jesus. In fact, through Him we are more than conquerors -Ro 8:37