

The Essentials of Our Faith – Studies In I John #18

Victory Over The World!

I John 5:1-5

I. Overview of the Essentials

- A.** Fellowship 1-2:17
- B.** Truth 2:18-28
- C.** Righteousness 2:29-3:10
- D.** Love 3:11-4:21
- E.** Confidence or Assurance 5:1-21

II. The Test

- A.** VS 1 Truth → love
 - My brother and sister
- B.** VS 2-3 love and righteousness
 - This is how we know
 - We encourage others to keep God's commands
 - Because they are not heavy
 - Positive peer pressure
- C.** These three are the assurance that we are born of God
- D.** Christ in us is the power to overcome the world
 - It is released by faith
 - In the presence of Jesus in me now
- E.** Illustration – Exodus 17:1-13
 - God fights for us
 - We fight but it is not our efforts that overcome
 - We depend on His life in us
 - This is the victory - His

III. Going Deeper In The Text

- A.** Commandments are not burdensome
 - "Weight"
 - II Corinthians 1:8
 - God's will is not a crushing weight
 - God's way (righteousness) causes our lives to be full and joyful – abundant
 - The world's way is heavy, implying and unsatisfying
 - In fact, they are easy because we are yoked with Christ
- B.** This is why the world is overcome

- Given the world in which they lived
- Overcome – "a continuous victory in the midst of a continuous struggle" – to achieve victory
- Victory and overcome – the same Greek root
- Tense means a single victory
- Christ's victory over Satan, sin and death is a single victory for all time
- Accepting Christ makes this victory mine
- Our faith in Christ overcomes the world and gives us continuous victory
- His victory (once) gives us courage every time in the face of conflict and difficulty
- And we keep on conquering the world
- John 16:33
- It is what gave John courage
 - 1.** The resurrection
 - 2.** Jesus' words
 - 3.** Revelation

IV. Thoughts

- A.** Conditions of courage that leads to victory
 - That we are moving in God's direction (will)
 - If God is for us (or with us) Romans 8:31-39
 - Courage is given for carrying the cross of obedience
 - Faith in having the clarity of God's direction, will give us the courage of His Spirit and victory
- B.** Most of the things we attempt can be done in our own strength
 - We need to dare to do what we could never pull off without the Spirit's power
 - Courage is given for the immediate task, it can't be stored up
 - The source of courage and victory is Jesus!