



## “Victory Is Ours”

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### A. Victory is ours if...

*“For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.” 1 John 5:4*

1. We pass the test.

*“Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.” Vs 1*

2. We believe that Jesus really is who He says He is.

*“This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God.” Vs 2*

3. We believe what Jesus says in His Word.

*“But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.” Vs 3*

4. We follow the Spirit He has placed in us.

*“But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.” Vs 4*

5. We remember...we belong to God.

*“But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.” Vs 6*

### B. Victory is ours because...

*“But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.” Vs 4*

1. You belong to God!

*“But you belong to God, my dear children.” Vs 4a*

2. They belong to the world!

*“Those people belong to this world...” Vs 5a*

3. We belong to God!

*“But we belong to God...” Vs 6a*

4. We have a biblical worldview!

- a. A biblical worldview is defined as believing absolute moral truths exist:

- b. Only 4% of adults have a biblical worldview and only 9% of born-again Christians have such a perspective on life.

1. Jesus Christ lived a sinless life.
2. God is the all-powerful and all-knowing Creator of the universe and He still rules it today.
3. Salvation is a gift from God and cannot be earned.
4. Satan is real.
5. A Christian has the responsibility to share their faith in Christ with other people.
6. The Bible is accurate in all of its teachings.

5. Victory is ours, not only when we believe, but when we practice our belief.

- a. Our worldview is based on what is real.
- b. Our worldview is based on what is true – our beliefs.
- c. Our worldview is based on what is good – our values.
- d. Our worldview is based on what we do – our behavior.

*“Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:9*

*“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says.*

*Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don’t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.” James 1:22-25*

### C. Victory is ours when we love God most...

*“The most loving thing we can do for others is love God more than we love them. For if we love God most, we will love others best.” -Jon Bloom*

1. “Our love for each other is an indicator of the place God is holding in our hearts.” -Jon Bloom

*“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?” Vs 20*

2. Jesus gave us the commands...Love God/Love People!

*“Jesus replied, ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39*

3. God modeled it.

*“God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” Vs9-10*

4. God placed His Spirit in us to empower us.

*“And God has given us His Spirit as proof that we live in Him and He in us.” Vs 13*

5. God is love!

*“We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in His love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.” Vs 16*

### D. God designs our spiritual lives with tangible ways to demonstrate our faith...

1. Our faith is shown by our works.

*“Now someone may argue, ‘Some people have faith; others have good deeds.’ But I say, ‘How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.’” James 2:18*

2. Our belief is shown by our deeds.

*“So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?” Luke 6:46*

3. Our love for God is shown by our love for others.

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4. So...maybe the best thing we can do is to take a long look at how we love others!

*“Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.” Philippians 2:12*

*To begin a relationship with Jesus...*

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**Next Week: Love God/Love People “Proof in the ‘Putting”**

**1 John: Chapter 5**