



Confidence to Overcome

1 John 5:1-12

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Celebration · 8:45 am
Elevation · 10:45 am
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We overcome by faith in the truth of Jesus. 1 John 5:1a, 4-12

“Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” 1 John 5:5

- **We must believe that Jesus is the Son of God** (v. 5)
 - Ephesians 2:8-10
- **We must believe that Jesus died a physical death** (v. 6-8)
 - Water, blood and Spirit
- **We must believe in His resurrection and that eternal life is only found in Jesus** (v. 11)
- **‘Overcomes’ (Nikao) is used twice in verse 4 and once in verse 5**
 - *Nikao* is the same root word as *Nike* which is the Greek goddess of victory who aided Zeus in the battle against the Titans.
 - Jesus in John 16:33 - *“I have overcome the world.”*
 - 1 Corinthians 15:57 is to “overwhelmingly conquer” or *hupernikao* which is to be absolutely, completely victorious
 - Rev. 12:11 - we overcome through the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony
- **HOW DO YOU FIND OUT IF YOU HAVE RIGHT BELIEF?**
 - First, you must believe the list of beliefs above.
 - Then, the following actions must be true about you to display that right belief.
Love God, love His people and be obedient to His Word.

We overcome by love for God and others. 1 John 5:1b

“Whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.” 1 John 5:1b

We love by obedience to the Word of God. 1 John 5:2-3

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”

1 John 5:3

- 2 Timothy 3:5
- John 14:21
- Self-righteousness is just as displeasing to God as unrighteousness. In fact, who did Jesus have more of a problem with?
- The answer isn't legalism or lawlessness, the answer is love. The answer is Jesus.

Response: We must repent of our sins of unrighteousness or of our acts of righteousness with wrong motives that we thought led to our salvation.

Next Steps:

1. **Invite a friend to join you** at the next Alpha Course. The Alpha course begins on Wednesdays from September 9 - October 18 at 6:30 - 8:30pm in the Lobby. For more info, contact Matt Doan at mdoan@calvarylife.org or visit calvarylife.org/alpha
2. **Read the book of Galatians to dig more into this issue of works and grace.** Consider reading Tim Keller's book, *Galatians for You*, to help with your study. This book is available for purchase in Calvary's Corner Bookstore, open today after services.
3. **Be baptized tonight as an act of obedience** at 5:00 pm at Corona del Mar Pirates' Cove. To be baptized, attend the baptism class today at 8:45 am and 10:45 am in the Worship Center Prayer Room or talk to any Calvary pastor or director about wanting to be baptized tonight. For more info, visit calvarylife.org/baptism

LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Why do you think it's so hard for people today to accept that Jesus is the only way to righteousness?
2. What does it look like to truly love people? What is a life of love?
3. What are the commandments of God that we should keep as referenced in vs. 3? Why do you think it says they are not burdensome? Do you feel like they are burdensome now? How can that improve?