

Light, Life and Love: A Series in 1 John
An Overcoming Testimony
1 John 5:1-12

"Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself..."

1 John 5:10

Main Point: True Christian faith
overcomes the world!

The progression of victory over the world

1. New birth- an act of God (5:4a)
2. A response & experience of faith (5:4b)
3. Confession of Jesus as Son of God (5:5)
4. A Spirit-filled life (5:6-8)

Faith requires not just acknowledging truth, but that
Jesus Christ has entered into your life.

Point One: We overcome the world
through love.

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart and with all your soul and with all your
mind... You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Matthew 22:37,

39

Overcoming, active faith keeps the
command to love God and to love others.

Point Two: We overcome the world through obedience.

“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.”

1 John 5:2

We cannot talk of love without linking it to obedience. Obedience verifies love.

Point Three: We overcome the world with a testimony of faith.

The work of the Holy Spirit

1. Conviction of sin
2. Opening our spiritual eyes and mind
3. Prompting our belief and confession
4. Indwelling after conversion

Our testimony is given through
the Spirit
and confirmed in the heart of
the person
who believes in God's Son.

An overcoming testimony cannot happen without love and obedience.

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Next week: Reassurance and Faith 1 John 5:13-21