

The Victory of Faith

1 John 5:4

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“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.

Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

- The one who overcomes the world, who has the victory of faith, is

- Born of God

- Believes that Jesus is the Son of God

- Loves God

- Keeps His commandments

- Loves the children of God

- Practices righteousness

- The way of faith in Jesus Christ is the way of victory both now and eternally
 - Spiritual life now
 - Eternal life to come
 - The end of our faith is eternal life
 - Yet to be received; have as a promise

- Receipt of eternal salvation in heaven depends on us being kept
 - By the power of God
 - Through faith
 - We must remain faithful!

- So we need to be concerned with this:
How must you and I live in order to have
the final victory of faith?

2 Timothy 4:7

“I have fought the good fight, I have
finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

- If we will continue to overcome the world and have the victory of faith, we will...
 - Fight the good fight
 - Finish the race
 - Keep the faith

- **We can have the victory of faith by...**
 - Fighting the good fight
 - It is the good fight of faith
 - It is to be fought
 - We have a real enemy
 - Immorality
 - Error
 - Compromise
 - Indifference & apathy
 - The armor centers upon the word of God
 - Means we are soldiers
 - Our eternal destiny is at stake

- **We can have the victory of faith by...**
 - Finishing the race
 - The race or course is defined
 - The race must be finished
 - What can prevent the finishing of the race?
 - Fear
 - Sin
 - Weights
 - Unwilling to endure
 - Loss of hope
 - Concern with the world's values
 - Discouragement
 - Keep aim upon the mark and the prize

- **We can have the victory of faith by...**
 - Keeping the faith
 - The faith – the gospel of Christ
 - Keep it
 - Observe and do
 - Contend for
 - Teach it whether popular or not
 - Hold fast
 - Stand in