

## 1 John 5:1-5 – New Birth Brings Triumph

### Introduction

1. Confidence in one's salvation is necessary to live in this fallen world
2. There are two kinds of people: Saved and Lost
3. Sin holds people captive to the evil one and this world, separating them from a Holy God
4. The World overcomes the lost – veils the eyes to truth
5. Original Sin: All are born sinners in need of rescue
6. Christ was sent by the Father to purchase the ungodly

**The Main Idea: The Christian knows he has been born of God and overcomes the sinfulness of this world in and through His faith in Jesus Christ. The evidence of the Christian's triumph and victory over the world is true faith in Christ producing faithful obedience to Christ's commands and biblical love for God overflowing to God's family.**

### Jesus Overcame the World by Conquering Sin and Death

1. Aim: Show believers they have overcome the world
2. *Overcome* – Often Misunderstood even in Evangelicalism:
  - a. Does not mean never suffer, be discouraged, feel loss or pain, or endure trials and hardship
  - b. Does not mean experience happiness all the time
  - c. Does not mean fulfill the American Dream
3. *Nike* – Greek Word Meaning Overcome, Conquer, Victory
  - a. Way the World Conquers: The Sword, Temptation
  - b. The Way the Lord Jesus Conquers: Suffering, Sorrow, Death to Subdue the power of sin to produce life
  - c. Jesus conquered through Suffering and Death – The Narrow Road to Eternal Life is marked by Suffering
4. Christ laid down His life as a ransom, overcoming and conquering the world under God's wrath
5. We found Jesus unlovely and unattractive (**Isaiah 53:3**)
6. The Father put Jesus forward as a propitiation for those who found Him and His Cross Foolish
7. Jesus overcame the World through Suffering (**Heb 12:2**)
8. Jesus bought the Christian peace with God (**John 16:33**)
9. Tribulations in the world are caused by two *unequal* forces: The Subduing Power of God & Human Sinfulness
10. Man is Unable to rescue/save One's self (**Mat 19:24-6**)
11. Man has no desire to be saved from Depravity (**Jn 3:19**)
  - a. Man is not drowning in sin, He is dead in Sin (**Eph 2**)
  - b. The World Loves Darkness and Hates the Light

12. The Light is Infinitely Mightier than the World/Sin (**John 1:5**)
13. The Light Conquered the World & Sin (**Colossians 2:13-15**)
14. Christian Triumph over this World Comes through the Object of the Believer's Faith, Jesus Christ (**1 John 5:3-4**)

### The Root of Saving Faith is Regeneration (New Birth) (5:1a)

1. Those who are born again overcome the world
2. John and Jesus both place New Birth before Faith, not the reverse order (**1 John 5:1a, see John 6:24-27**)
3. Faith in Jesus is a Consequence of New Birth, Not the Cause
  - a. Present, Perpetual Belief, never reverting back to unbelief
  - b. Perfect Belief – God is the Author/Founder of Faith
  - c. Sinful Resistance is Overcome by God's Sovereign Grace
  - d. God Birthed You Anew to Believe in Jesus (**James 1:18**)

### The Fruit of Saving Faith in Jesus Christ (5:1b-5)

1. Brotherly Love is Evidence of New Birth: Unity of Mind (Doctrine) and Unity of Heart (Care for the Soul)
  - a. Christian Love and Faith Stream from New Birth
  - b. Objection: Does Anyone Really Love? Yes! Imperfectly!
  - c. Why does John switch the sentence around in verse 3?
    - i. To Keep Christians from Mistaking Objective, Tangible Christian Love for Mere Sentimentality
  - d. To truly Love, You must Love God – this means you help or love no one if you do not love God through Christ
  - e. True Love does not merely provide for physical needs, ignoring the greatest need: Salvation in Christ Jesus
  - f. True Love leads people toward God, Cherishing and Prizing Jesus as the greatest Treasure
2. Unburdened Obedience to God's Commands is Evidence of New Birth – Obedience to God's Will is a Delight!
  - a. Believers Enjoy God's Will (**Psalms 40:8; 119: 24, 64**)
  - b. Loving God's People is NO Burden – You were Loved First, so You Love (Christ's Yoke & Burden is Light)
  - c. The Reason Obedience is Not Burdensome – Christians Have Overcome the World
  - d. Three Forces in the World that Need to be Overcome: Lust of the Eyes & Flesh, Pride of Life (**1 John 2:15-17**)
  - e. An Idolatrous heart enamored with worldly darkness, unholy cravings, & godless pride is conquered by Faith
  - f. Faith in Jesus is not merely agreement with Doctrine, it is Dynamic & Alive – it enables love & obedience to God
  - g. Christians Triumph over the World because they are IN Christ who conquered through His death & resurrection
  - h. Christians are Crucified w/ Christ, no longer Centered on Self, but Living by Faith in Him