



**Title:** Am I An Overcomer?  
**Date:** April 13, 2025

**Text:** 1 John 5:1-5

**Explanation of last weeks sermon.**

“God will not give you more than you can handle”

**God will never test us to a degree that we will be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**God will test us to a degree that will expose our need to \_\_\_\_\_ on Him.**

**Nike - \_\_\_\_\_**

**The purpose 1 John**

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

## How do we know if we are overcomers?

1 John 5:1–5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

### Three qualities that characterize overcomers:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 5:1–5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God,

#### “believes”

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who **believe** in His name,

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

“**believes**” - It is the verb tense that emphasizes belief as \_\_\_\_\_ and ongoing

“**born of God**” - The grammar of these words speak of our salvation. It shows us that our salvation was

\_\_\_\_\_ in the past by God  
and will \_\_\_\_\_.

**Perfect Tense** - Completed in the past with  
continued result

**Passive voice** - the subject is being acted upon by  
an outside source (God)

**Continuous faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
salvation, not the means by which we earn it.**

1 Peter 1:3–5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused  
us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance  
which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away,  
reserved in heaven for you,

**“caused us to be born again”**

**“inheritance”**

**“reserved”**

5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a  
salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**“the power of God”**

**“through faith”**

## **Do we keep the faith or does our faith keep us?**

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

**“Christ”**

**“Savior”**

2. \_\_\_\_\_

and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. 2  
By this we know that we love the children of God,

**“born of Him”**

1 John 2:10–11 The one who **loves** his brother abides in the Light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

1 John 3:10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who **does not love his brother**.

1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we **love the brethren**. He who does not love abides in death.

1 John 4:20–21 If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

#### **“observe His commandments”**

James 1:22–24 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; 24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

2 Thessalonians 2:8–10 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

## **“love of the truth”**

Jeremiah 7:23 “But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.’

1 John 2:3–4 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

John 14:15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Matthew 12:50 “For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.”

John 14:21 “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

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## **“are not burdensome”**

**Professing believers who have no interest in the Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_ claim to be be overcomers.**

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

**“world” -**

**A semantic domain is a \_\_\_\_\_ of potential meanings of a word.**

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

2 Corinthians 4:3–4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**“overcomes”**

**“has overcome”**

5 And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Romans 8:37–39 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Discussion Guide

1. What are the two ways we can explain that God won't give us more than we can handle. Why are both views important?
2. Reread 1 Peter 1:3-5 and share why "faith" guarantees our overcoming.
3. From 1 John 2:19 we learned about apostasy. What is apostasy and how do we know if someone apostatizes?
4. Read 1 John 4:1-6. What do these verses teach about genuine believers and those who don't have eternal life?



**ANSWERS:** destroyed, depend, Overcomer, Faith, Continuous, Complete, continue, result, Love, Obedience, cannot, range,