



# The True Overcomers

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1 John 5:1-5

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**REVIEW** — Are you a “born again” Christian?

Our Indicators — Proof of our Salvation

1. The Doctrinal (Theological) Indicator — *“If we **confess** ...”* 1:9; 2:22-23; 4:2,14-16
2. The Obedience (Moral) Indicator — *“If we **practice** the truth ... If we **keep** his commandments ...”* 1:6; 2:3,6; 3:6-10
3. The Relational (Social) Indicator — *“The one who **loves** his brother ... we should **love** one another ... we **love** the brethren ... everyone who **loves** is born of God and knows God.”* 2:9-11; 3:10-12,14 4:7-12,21

*All 3 are in 1 John 5*

- v. 1a,4,5 *“Whoever **believes** that Jesus is the Christ is born of God ... he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God ...”* — **DOCTRINAL** indicator.
- vs. 1a-2a *“and whoever loves the Father **loves the child born of Him**. By this we know that **we love the children of God**, ...”* — The **RELATIONAL** indicator.
- v. 2b,3 *“... when we love God and **observe His commandments**.”* — The **OBEDIENCE** indicator.

Our Identification — Pictures of our Salvation

1. We are called Christians (Acts 11:26), children of God (John 1:12), children of light (Ephesians 5:8), children of the day (1 Thessalonians 5:5), and children of obedience (1 Peter 1:14).
2. We are called **OVERCOMERS** (1 John 5:4,5)

## INTRODUCTION — Confidence instead of condemnation

*“By this we **know** ...”*

1. There is a kind of knowing by means of **DISCOVERY**. (vs. 2, 20b)
2. There is a kind of knowing by means of **DISCLOSURE**. (vs. 13, 15, 18,19, 20a)

## LESSON — The True Overcomers 5:1-5

### I. THE DEFINITION — What Is an Overcomer? vs. 4, 5

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

The Overcomer Defined — To be a **VICTOR** or **CONQUEROR**. (Gk. verb is Nike)

The Overcomer Demonstrated — John 16:33

*The believer has victory over*

1. **SATAN** (Revelation 12:11, 15:2)
2. **DEATH** (1 Corinthians 15:54-57)
3. The **WORLD** (1 John 5:4)

### II. THE DESCRIPTION — What Are The Characteristics of the Overcomer? vs. 1-5

A **FAITH** in Jesus Christ. vs. 1a, 4

A **LOVE** for Jesus Christ. vs. 1b, 5

An **OBEDIENCE** to Jesus Christ. vs. 2-3

### Applying this to our lives — The Overcomer in Revelation

2:7 — The **TREE** of life.

2:11 — **ETERNAL** life.

2:17 — The **BREAD** of life.

2:26-28 — The **POWER** of life.

3:5 — The **BOOK** of life.

3:12 — The **NAME** of life.

3:21 — The **THRONE** of life.