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1 John 5:1-5

TRIBE-19

= a close-knit community with shared identity

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1 John 5:3-4

INTRODUCTION

A DOMINANT TREK 5:1-5

1 Samuel 17:49-53 David's victory over Goliath

the people cheered and celebrated

verse 15 sheep had to be fed

verses 17-18 cheese had to be delivered

in other words, long before David ever gained the victory over Goliath, he had to be obedient to his father's commands

Everybody wants to go to Heaven, but nobody wants to die

- several country songs convey this idea. Even more, most people have the same philosophy.

a majority of Christians want to have a victorious Christian life, but they don't want to suffer or give up anything to have it

1 John 5:4 victory implies a battle

- this is John's message for us tonight. Having the victory in life and being obedient to God's commands go hand-in-hand...it is a cycle that continues throughout our earthly life

1. COMPLIANCE **verses 1-3**

CONVINCED OF CHRIST **verse 1a**

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:

being saved is more than just believing Jesus existed (*historical* figure) or that He exists today (*religious* figure)

John 3:16 IN...not on

NOTE: trusting IN Jesus to save you is like jumping out of an airplane and trusting IN a parachute to keep you alive

people who never jump believe *on* a parachute...hypothetically

The Christ is a title, meaning 'The Anointed One'

John 1:41 [Andrew] first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

in the Old Testament, it was *Messiah*

the One chosen and anointed to save the world

therefore, John is telling us that to be truly saved, one must acknowledge his need to be saved

Romans 3:23 all have sinned

Romans 10:13 call upon the name of...

CONTINUING CYCLE OF LOVE **verses 1b-2**

...and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

to paraphrase, John says that if we really love God, then we will love those who are born of God

in case we missed it, in **verse 2** John equates those who are born of God as children of God

then, he develops this cycle:

if we love God *personally*

we will love God's *people*

we will keep His *precepts*

God believes in continuous cycles...developing habits and character in our lives, etc.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 Nothing new under...

what do you do with the same ol' thing?

doing something 10,000 to get good

COMMANDMENTS WORTH KEEPING **verse 3**

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

very simple: if you love God, do what He commands

John 15:10

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

...and His commandments are not grievous

= **burdensome**

Matthew 11:30 My yoke is easy...burden is light

interestingly enough, everything in creation obeys God...except man (and a few angels)

Psalm 148:8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapor;
stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Matthew 8:27 ...what manner of man

2. CONQUEST **verses 4-5**

OVERCOMING THE WORLD **verse 4**

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:
and this is the victory that overcometh the
world, even our faith.

the world = the world's system

see **1 John 2:15-17** lust, flesh, pride

again, the idea of **overcoming** implies that there
is a battle to be fought and an enemy to defeat

1 John 2:13-14 the wicked one

seven times in *Revelation*, John used the word
almost as a title or name for believers

Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26 (3:5, 12, 21)

OVERCOMING BY FAITH **verse 5**

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he
that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

our faith...is in a person: Jesus Christ

not in circumstances, not in a contract
or a religion, etc.

our salvation...that new nature...is what brings
about the possibility to overcome

Hebrews 11:21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying,
blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped,
leaning upon the top of his staff.

his wife...his sons (Joseph, Benjamin)...in the end