**Day 24 – Victory Over the World**

Ch. 5:1-5

In the 4 previous chapter, John wrote of waling in God’s light, living in God’s love and in this final section, he talks about experiencing God’s life… the real life that Christ gives a child of God.

1. Read verse 1. Who is born of God?

2. According to this verse, being born of God will have two effects on the believer. What are they?

3. Read verse 2. When do we know we love the children of God?

4. Our love for the people of God reflects our love for God, as expressed before by John in 3:10. What did we learn in that verse?

5. Read verse 3. How is the love of God seen in our lives?

6. The one who says she loves God, yet walks in a lifestyle of conscious disobedience is like the believer who says they walk in fellowship with God, yet walks in darkness (1 John 1:6). They are what?

7. In verse 3, what does John say about these commandments? How so? What do the following verses show us?

Matt. 23:4

Matt. 11:30

Note: When we really love God, we will want to obey Him and please Him!

Read verses 4 & 5.

8. When we are born of God, who do can we overcome? How do we have victory?

9. According to verse 5, who is the one who overcomes the world?

Note: The word “overcome” is another favorite of John’s. To be born of God is to share God’s victory.

10. The person who overcomes is the one who declares by faith what (5:5)?

11. What exhortation does Jesus give us in John 16:33?

12. As children of God, our identification is with Christ. And identification with Christ in His victory, reminds us of the several times we have read “as He is” in John’s letter. How do we identify with Jesus in the following verses:

1 John 1:7

1 John 2:6

1 John 4:17

**Application: As a child of God, our authority is determined by our position in Christ (see Eph. 2:6).** As a child of God, we are identified with Christ. And in this letter, we see that victorious faith is the result of maturing love. The better we come to know and love Jesus, the easier it becomes to trust Him in the needs and battles of life.

So, here’s the question. Are you continually claiming your victory in Jesus. Or do you have a tendency of walking in defeat or feeling defeated in your faith? If so, go to God in prayer, and claim what is rightfully yours… according to what we have seen in this lesson (or even in this letter so far).

**Extra credit**: Check out the following verses in Revelation. What do you receive in these verses if you overcome? *She who has an ear, let her hear what the Spirit says to these churches and the individuals in these churches*. May you be exhorted to live in victory, through faith!!!!!

Rev. 2:7

Rev. 2:11

Rev. 2:17

Rev. 2:26-27

Rev. 3:5

Rev. 3:12

Rev. 3:21