

Overcoming the Evil One

1 John 2:7-14
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1 John Thus Far . . .

- We have fellowship with the real Jesus – the eternal, incarnate Word.
- We are still sinners while waiting for glory.
- We have an eternal advocate in Jesus the Righteous.

The Old and New Commandment

- 1 John 2:7-8
Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining.

Love For the Brethren

■ 1 John 2:9-11

The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother abides in the Light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 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.

Little Children, Fathers, and Young Men (Part I)

■ 1 John 2:12-13a

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one

Little Children, Fathers, and Young Men (Part II)

■ 1 John 2:13b-14

I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Five Precepts True of All Believers

- **Your Sins Have Been Forgiven**
- **You Know the Father**
- **You Know the One From the Beginning**
- **You are Strong Because the Word Abides in You**
- **You Have Overcome the Evil One**

How the Evil One is Overcome

- **Ephesians 6:10-12**
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

“Because of the Blood of the Lamb”

- **Revelation 12:11**
And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

“This is the victory . . .”

■ 1 John 5:4-5

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

#1- Reflect the Love of Christ

■ John 15:12-13

This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

**#2 - Remember Your Sins are
Forgiven**

■ Colossians 2:13-14

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

#3 – Fight the Good Fight of Faith

■ 1 Peter 5:8-9

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.
