

Essential Fellowship: 10 of 10

“Overcomer”

Cornerstone Church of Poway

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Big Idea: We can know the joy of life if we walk together in His light.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. **1 John 1:7 (NIV)**

To Be An Overcomer, We Must:

1. Know Jesus With Genuine Faith

“Everyone who **believes that Jesus is the Christ** is **born** of God, and everyone who **loves the father loves his child** as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by **loving God** and **carrying out his commands**. This is love for God: to **obey** his commands. And his commands are **not burdensome**, for everyone **born** of God **overcomes** the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, **even our faith**. Who is it that **overcomes** the world? Only he who **believes that Jesus is the Son of God**. **1 John 5:1-5 (NIV)**

This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by **water and blood**. And it is the **Spirit** who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: **the Spirit**, the **water** and the **blood**; and the three are in agreement. We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. **1 John 5:6-10 (NIV)**

And this is the testimony: God has given us **eternal life**, and this life is **in his Son**. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who **believe** in the name of the Son of God so that you may **know** that you have **eternal life**. **1 John 5:11-13 (NIV)**

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2. Know God Hears And Answers Our Prayers

This is the **confidence** we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything **according to his will**, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him. **1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)**

If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should **pray** and **God will give him life**. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

1 John 5:16-17 (NIV)

My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.” **James 5:19-20 (NIV)**

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3. Know That Jesus Protects You From Satan

“We know that anyone born of God does not **continue** to sin; the one who was born of God **keeps him safe**, and **the evil one cannot harm him**. We know that we are children of God, and that the **whole world** is under the control of the evil one.”

1 John 5:18-19 (NIV)

“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because **the one who is in you is greater** than the one who is in the world.” **1 John 4:4 (NIV)**

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.” **John 10:27-30 (NIV)**

“We know also that the Son of God has come and has **given us understanding**, so that we may **know him who is true**. And we are **in him** who is true--even in his Son **Jesus Christ**. He is the **true God** and **eternal life**. Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.” **1 John 5:20-21 (NIV)**

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➤ **Do you trust Jesus with your life?**

To be an overcomer, I will:

- [] Trust Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- [] Pray for the people in my life to know Jesus
- [] Invite someone to Easter Service

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

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Open in Prayer

Icebreaker: In Aesop’s Fable are you more like the steady, persistent Tortoise or the easily distracted Hare? How so?

To Be An Overcomer, We Must:

1. Know Jesus With Genuine Faith

Read 1 John 5:1-5

How has your understanding of who Jesus is grown?

When did you place your trust in Jesus as your savior?

Why are God’s commandments not burdensome?

What is a habit that you have overcome with the Lord’s help?

Read 1 John 5:6-10

What are the three witnesses of Jesus?

Read 1 John 5:11-13

From this passage, how can you help a friend who has doubts to whether they are saved or not?

What can a Christian know? (vs. 13)

2. Know God Hears And Answers Our Prayers

Read 1 John 5:14-15

What can a Christian know? (vs. 14-15)

How can you direct your prayers according to God's will?

Read 1 John 5:16-17

Who do you know that is self-destructive that you should be praying for?

3. Know That Jesus Protects You From Satan

Read 1 John 5:18-21

Why does a lifestyle of practicing sin prove that you are not born of God?

What is a bad habit or situation that you have overcome with the Lord's help?

How are you doing at loving God and following His commands?

Read John 10:27-30

With how much assurance can you say that you have eternal life?

Lessons From 1 John:

1. Joy comes from fellowship with God and His family. **1 John 1:4**
2. True fellowship walks together in God's light. **1 John 1:7**
3. If we confess our sins, God then will forgive and cleanse us. **1 John 1:9**
4. When we sin, we have Jesus who is our defense. **1 John 2:1-2**
5. God showers His love on us by making us His children. **1 John 3:1**
6. Let us love with words, action, and truth. Love is tangible. **1 John 3:18-20**
7. Greater is He that is in us than he who is in the world. **1 John 4:4**
8. God sent His son so that we may love through Him. **1 John 4:9**
9. God loved us first and sent Jesus to be the atonement for our sins. **1 John 4:10**
10. Since God loved us, we ought to love one another. **1 John 4:11**
11. There is no fear in love. Perfect love drives out fear. **1 John 4:18-19**
12. It isn't a burden to obey God if we love Him. **1 John 5:3**
13. We can know we have eternal life if we know Jesus. **1 John 5:13**
14. Keep away from anything that is a substitute for God. **1 John 5:21**

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.