

1 John: The Heart of a Pastor
The Victory in Overcoming 1 John 5:4-12
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- ❖ Blue Ribbon Sports was founded on January 25, 1964, by Bill Bowerman and Phil Knight
- ❖ The company officially became **Nike**, Inc. on May 30, 1971.
- ❖ The "Swoosh" was designed in 1971, by Carolyn Davidson for \$35.00
winged goddess of victory according to Greek mythology
- 1972** - Nike released their first basketball sneakers, the Bruin and Blazer
- 1982** - Nike introduced the Air Force 1.
- 1985** - The Air Jordan line debuted, marketed by Michael Jordan

■ **The Victory through Faith (1 John 5:4-5)**

victory – (**nike**) nee'-kay *n.*, means overcoming of an enemy or antagonist.

overcomes - (**nikao**) nik-ah'-o *v.*, means to conquer, to be victorious or to prevail in the face of obstacles.

Roman 8:37 (NKJV)

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

hoop-er-nik-ah'-o - to gain a surpassing victory

John 16:33 (NKJV)

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

• **What do we overcome? (4a)**

✪ **We overcome the world, it's influence, control, by being born of God**

1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Kenneth Wuest

"The forces of the world-system of evil, the flesh (totally depraved nature), the devil, and the pernicious world system with which the saint is surrounded, are all engaged in a battle against the saint, carrying on an incessant warfare, the purpose of which is to ruin his Christian life and testimony."

- **How do we overcome? (4b)**

- ✧ **We overcome by faith**

- ✚ Faith is not our effort or ability
- ✚ Faith is how we have victory

Hebrews 11:17-31

- ✧ **This faith is in Christ**

- ✚ Jesus overcame the world

- ✧ **You claim victory over the world when you put your faith in Christ**

Walter Gunther

"The battle has this been decided, even if it is not over yet."

- **Who overcomes the world? (5)**

- ✧ **The one that believes Jesus is the son of God**

- **The Testimony Concerning Jesus (1 John 5:6-10)**

- **The case for the historical Jesus (6a)**

- ❖ John uses the verb **came**, past tense, a historical event
- ❖ Jesus entered humanity, a definite historical event, His First Coming

- **The evidence of the historical Jesus (6b)**

witness - furnishes evidence or proof

- ✪ John said He came by water, His baptism by immersion, and blood, His death on the cross

Acts 10:37-40 Peter's testimony of Christ

A T Robertson

"These two incidents in the Incarnation are singled out because at the **baptism** Jesus was formally set apart to His Messianic work by the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Him and by the Father's audible witness, and because at the **Cross** His work reached its culmination." (It is finished!)

- **The witness of the historical Jesus (6c)**

- **The Holy Spirit testified of the historical life of Jesus**

- ✚ **The Spirit testified of the conception and birth of Jesus**

"for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit" (**Matthew 1:20**)

- ✚ **The Spirit testified of his baptism by immersion (Matthew 3:16)**

"He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him"

- **The Holy Spirit is truth**

- ✪ **Both Jesus and the Spirit identify with truth**

John 15:26 (NKJV)

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

John 16:13 (NKJV)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth

- ✪ **What Christ did, even though written, would have remained hidden had the Holy Spirit not convicted, applied it to our hearts**

- **The testimony of God about His Son is greater than man (9-10)**

❖ This is the testimony John the Baptist

John 5:32, 36–37

❖ God's testimony is that He sent His Son

⊛ **God testified about his Son at his baptism, at his transfiguration and at his triumphant entry into Jerusalem**

(Matthew 3:17, Matthew 17:5, John 12:28)

❖ The person that trusts Christ has believed the testimony of God **(10)**

❖ The person that refuses Christ has not believed God **(10)**

■ The Gift of Eternal Life (1 John 5:11-12)

⊛ **The results of believing the testimony of the Spirit, of water, of blood and the testimony of God is that you will have eternal life**

• **Full trust and confidence must be in Jesus Christ for salvation**

Dr. Curtis Vaughan

“A man, by human standards, may be a good man, a good neighbor, a good parent, a good citizen; but by the standard of the gospel, if he has no saving union with Christ, he does not have eternal life and is not a Christian.”

• **Eternal life is more than living forever**

✚ Eternal life is participation with God

✚ Eternal life is full life, but only by those that have faith in Christ

✚ Eternal life is a divine gift, not a reward

✚ Eternal life is a present possession

✚ Eternal life is only in God's Son

• **The conclusion is clear (12)**

❖ The result is very clear if you have the Son you have life.

❖ If you do not have the Son of God, you do not have life.

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