

**Overcoming the World!**  
**Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel**  
**1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 5:1-4**  
*Sunday – October 26th, 2025*

CONTEXT: John is continuing to define true Christianity. He has taken us to the major components that exist in those with a right relationship with God. These are saving faith, love for God and others, and obedience. Each time he reiterates the necessity of these earmarks of Christianity he does so from not only different angles but also in ways that add strength and clarity to our understanding. He brings to light that the obedience required of those in Christ is not burdensome to them. By their new nature, and love for Christ these commands are appreciated and natural to those who belong to Christ. These three essentials are inseparable, and John adds will be seen by their overcoming character. He says all who bear these earmarks will overcome the world. What does he mean by overcoming the world. The world here is all that is opposed to Christ. It is the world of evil with all of its traps, devices, problems, and temptations. He will close this paragraph highlighting that this true saving faith will indeed show itself in a kind of faith so persistent and strong that it will not be moved away from Christ no matter what the world under satanic influence throws at the person.

**Key Words & times used**

- Love or loves (5)
- commandments (3)
- believes or faith (2)
- perfected (2)
- overcomes (2)
- observes

**Outline of 1st John (underlined portion is the immediate context)**

- I. The Reality of Fellowship with Christ (1:5- 5:12)
  - B. The Characteristics of Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-3:24)
  - C. The Cautions for Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1-21)
  - D. The Consequence of Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1-12)
    1. Conquering the world (4:1-5)

**Introduction:**

**1. (5:1-4) Conquering the World (thru Christ).**

- Its Belief (5:1a)
- Its Love (5:1b-5:3a)
- Its Obedience (5:2b-3)
- Its Overcoming Nature (5:4a)
- Its Power and Passion (5:4b)

**Closing:**