

Faith Is The Victory

1 John 5:1-4

Introduction:

- A. Song: "Faith Is The Victory."
- B. Seemingly overwhelming world conditions: Political, Social, Economic, Moral, Spiritual.
 - 1. Leave many gripped by fear and uncertainty.
 - 2. Leave many entangled in sin and guilt.
- C. Our faith is comprehensive:
 - 1. Faith in person and position of Christ. (John 3:16).
 - 2. Faith in the power of Christ. (Heb. 7:25).
 - 3. Faith in the word of God. (Rom. 10:8,17; cf. Heb. 2:1-4)
- D. We must use our faith to overcome the *conditions* of this world.

Discussion:

- I. "The God Of This World". (2 Cor. 4:1-7).**
 - A. Minds blinded to destructiveness of sin by temporary pleasure.
 - B. Minds blinded to destructiveness of false doctrine by false promises. (2 Pet. 2:1,3,18,19).
- II. The Unfairness Of This World.**
 - A. Innocent suffer in this world. (cf. 1 Pet. 4:15,16).
 - B. Much unfairness in this sinful world.
- III. The Uncertainties Of This World.**
 - A. Future is uncertain. (James 4:13-16).
 - B. Life is uncertain. (James 4:14).
- IV. The Everyday Pressures Of This World. (cf. 1 Cor. 10:13).**
 - A. Financial. (1 Tim. 6:5-12).
 - B. Social. (1 Cor. 7:18-24; Gal. 3:28).
 - C. Domestic. (1 Cor. 7:3-5; Eph. 5:23-29; 1 Pet. 3:7).
 - D. Passions. (Matt. 5:28-30; 1 Cor. 9:27; 7:1,2, 7-9).
 - E. Fears and Anxiety.
 - 1. About future provisions. (Matt. 6:25-34; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7).
 - 2. About failure as a Christian. (1 John 2:1)
 - 3. About death. (Heb. 2:14,15; Phil. 1:23).
 - F. Doubts. (Matt. 14:31; Lk. 1:3,4).
 - G. Indecision: Which church? Which Faith? etc. (Eph. 4:4-6).
- V. All Sins Of This World. (Rom. 7:24-8:4).**
 - A. Sins of aliens. (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:4,17,18)
 - B. Sins of children of God. (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9).
- VI. The Punishment Of This World. (2 Pet. 2:3-9; 2 Pet 3:3-14)**
 - A. If we do not avoid - struggle was in vain.
 - B. If we do not avoid - life not worth living. (Heb. 13:14).

Conclusion:

- A. Need faith badly - can receive only from God's word.
- B. Need faith increased - "Lord increase our faith" (Luke 17:5)
- C. Need certainly of faith - not uncertain sound of human wisdom.
- D. Need to obey the faith - then we will overcome the world.