

YOU MUST OVERCOME THE WORLD

1 John 5:4-5 (KJV)

⁴ For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

John 6:23-35 (KJV)

²³ (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) ²⁴ When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

²⁵ And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? ²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.* ²⁷ **Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.**

THE THREE ENEMIES OF CHRISTIANS ARE

- The Flesh (in term of temptation to sin)
- Satan
- the World

THE REGENERATION WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Everyone born into this world is born with Adamic nature which is a form of blindness towards the kingdom of God that is brought to us through Jesus Christ.

John 9:32-33 (KJV)

³² Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

³³ If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

So it only God that can open the eyes of one that is born blind to see the kingdom of God

How God healed our blindness?

1. By reproofing the world of three things

John 16:8 (KJV)

⁸ ***And when he (The Holy Spirit) is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:***

The Spirit is here to show the people of this world the truth about sin and God's justice and God's judgment.

2. By being born again – being born into God's kingdom

John 3:3-7 (KJV)

³ Jesus answered and said unto him, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

⁵ Jesus answered, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

⁶ ***That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.***

WE ARE BORN OUT OF THE WORLD – HOW DO WE USED TO BE WHEN WE WERE IN THE WORLD?

Ephesians 2:1-2 (KJV)

¹ *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

² *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

Ecclesiastes 8:11-13 (KJV)

¹¹ *Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.*

Proverbs 10:27 (KJV)

²⁷ *The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.*

AS JESUS OVERCAME THE WORLD, SO SHALL YOU OVERCOME

John 14:30 (KJV)

³⁰ *Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for **the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.***

John 16:33 (KJV)

³³ *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.***

Revelation 3:21 (KJV)

²¹ *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

It is possible for us to be overcomers as Jesus overcome the world.

What is the spiritual truth behind this Scripture:

- Jesus came to earth as a man just like us
- He was tempted just as we are tempted just like us
- He overcame with the resources that He offered us – (the Holy Spirit)

This gives us faith to believe that we can also face and overcome temptations, struggles, tribulations, trials, opposition, ridicules, critics and everything that the devil will use anyone or any situation to let us fall.

He was God but He limited himself to become just like us so that he can be our forrunner.

Satan could not have any power over Jesus because he has nothing of the world in him.

What is the world?

There is a lack of understanding as the world being an enemy to Christians

1. When we talk about the world,
 - we are not talking about people
 - and we are not talking about earth

What the world has that was not in Jesus?

Luke 4:4-7 (KJV)

⁴ And Jesus answered him, saying, *It is written, **That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.***

⁵ And the devil, *taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him **all the kingdoms of the world** in a moment of time.*

⁶ And the devil said unto him, *All **this power** will I give thee, and **the glory** of them: **for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.***

⁷ *If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.*

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV)

¹⁵ *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

¹⁶ *For all that is in the world, **the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life,** is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

¹⁷ *And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

Answer to the question: What the world has that was not in Jesus?

- Jesus lived by the word of God, not food alone and did the will of God
- the kingdoms of the world was not in him
- all the vain glory and power of the world he refused

Jesus refused *the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life*

THE WORLD IS A SYSTEM WITH ITS VALUES

Romans 12:2 (KJV)

² *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

This is what Christianity is all about.

God's ultimate purpose is to transform us from the image of Adam that we bear in our character that we all born with (that makes us jealous, bitter, tell lies, hate others, unforgiving others) to the image and the character of Jesus Christ.

If you want to be transformed and to have Jesus' character, you must:

- ***not be conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,***

What is being worldly?

When we say someone is worldly, what comes to our mind is the way the person dress, or put on make-ups

According to this verse (Romans 12:2), **worldliness is in our mind.**

Worldliness is a set of value system we have in our mind which influences many things in our lives.

It may influence:

- your behavior, your conduct, the way you dress, the place you choose to live,
- the school you choose to go, the work you choose to do

It depends on the value systems we have in our mind.

How do we live our daily lives? How did we get world value system?

From the time we were born we acquired a certain value system in the world through:

- what we see, the way people behave around us, traditions, culture
- from our parents, from school, from media (TV, Radio, News Papers, Internet)

This sense of value is from the world.

That's why it is so important for the parents to teach the children the value system from heaven.

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

⁶ *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Ask the Holy Spirit to change your worldly value system to heavenly value system.

Jesus never had bad mood, because he has heaven's value system.

In heaven no one:

- has bad moods
- no one is discouraged in heaven
- no one is depressed
- no one is obsess and loses his temper
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Why can't we live like that?

It because of our value system, we think certain things are very valuable which Heaven doesn't consider to be valuable and a lot of things that heaven consider to be important that we don't consider.

THE WORLD WANTS TO INFLUENCE OUR MIND

We are commanded to love God with three things:

- **our heart**
- **our soul**
- **our mind**

Matthew 22:37 (KJV)

³⁷ *Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***

Becareful, there is a mind battle that you have to win

Romans 7:22-25 (KJV)

²² *For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:*

²³ ***But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.***

²⁴ *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

²⁵ ***I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.***

Satan's greatest battle is to win your mind, if he wins your mind, he had won you.

That is why it's so important to make sure that the value system in your mind is not of the value system of the world.

Devil uses worldly values to capture the mind

Romans 8:5-8 (KJV)

⁵ *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*

⁶ *For to **be carnally minded is death**; but to **be spiritually minded is life and peace**.*

⁷ *Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

⁸ ***So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.***

You have to change your value system to heaven value system that's how you overcome the world. Tell the Holy Spirit that you want to live in the world with heaven's value system and he will do that.

THAT'S WHY JESUS COULD SAY SATAN HAS NOTHING IN HIM