

1 John 5:4

by John Gill

The sermon emphasizes the power of faith as a divine gift that enables believers to overcome worldly challenges through their relationship with Christ.

Scripture: John 16:33, Romans 8:37, 2 Corinthians 2:14, Ephesians 6:16, Philippians 4:13, Hebrews 11:33, James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8-9, 1 John 4:4, 1 John 5:4

Topics: "Overcoming the World", "Victory in Faith"

Description

John Gill emphasizes that those born of God possess a divine nature that empowers them to overcome the challenges of the world, including temptations and false teachings. He explains that this victory is achieved through faith, which is a gift from God and is centered on Christ as its object. Gill highlights that true faith enables believers to triumph over adversities and remain steadfast in their commitment to God's commands. The sermon encourages believers to recognize their identity in Christ and the strength that comes from their faith to conquer worldly obstacles.

Transcript

Ver. 4. For whatsoever is born of God,... Which may be understood either of persons born; of God; or of the new creature, or principle of grace wrought in them, particularly faith hereafter mentioned, which is an heaven born grace, the gift of God, and the operation of his Spirit: this

overcometh the world; the god of the world, Satan; the lusts which are in the world; false prophets gone forth into the world; and the wicked men of the world, who by temptations, snares, evil doctrines, threatenings, promises, and ill examples, would avert regenerate ones from observing the commands of God; but such are more than conquerors over all these, through Christ that has loved them:

and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith. The Arabic and Ethiopic versions read, "your faith"; great things, heroic actions, and wonderful victories, are ascribed to faith; see

Heb 11:33; which must not be understood of the grace itself, as separately considered, but of Christ the object of it, as supported, strengthened, assisted, and animated by him: and then it does wonders, when it is enabled to hold Christ, its shield, in its hand, against every enemy that opposes.

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