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Please take a moment to quiet your heart before the Lord. Ask Him to cleanse your soul any unrighteousness and open your heart to His Holy Word.

Please read 1 John 5:1-4.

**According to verse 1, is salvation acquired by believing in God?**

No, salvation is acquired by believing and accepting that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for our sins on the cross. Belief in God alone is not enough to save a soul. Even the demons believe that God exists, and tremble.

**How do we show God that we love Him?**

Not by telling Him we love Him, or by hours of prayer or good works; we show God we love Him by keeping His commandments. The word *keep* in the original Greek is different than our English word *keep*. In Greek *keep* means "to guard, to tend to carefully, to take care of."

**How can you carefully guard God's commandments?**

One way I guard God's Word is by not allowing things into my life that may tempt me to be disobedient. I also guard His word by hiding it in my heart.

**Verse 4 tells us that we are able to keep His commandments and overcome the world because:**

Whoever has been born of God overcomes the world. *The world* is any idea, thought, attitude or action that is against the truth of God's Word.

**How do we gain victory over the world (verse 5)?**

By faith...not by faith in our *faith*, but by faith in *Jesus Christ*. My faith can seem to change on an hourly basis; one minute I'm strong, and the next I'm weak. Jesus, however, does not change! He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He does not grow stronger (He is already infinitely strong), but my faith in Him can!

Be encouraged. Whatever you are facing today God did not bring it to you to defeat you; He brought it to you to give you victory. If you have Christ as your Savior, through Him you are able to overcome anything—even the sin that so easily besets you (and me). As a matter of fact, Jesus gave you the victory over your present challenge two thousand years ago, at the cross of Calvary. You're born to win.

Be blessed.

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