

# WAR OF THE WORLDS – Part 16

## OUR ASSURANCE OF VICTORY IN THE WAR WITH THE WORLD

Learning how to deal with challenges takes time, persistence, and a positive attitude. No matter your life situation, the hard times will happen. But, with the right mindset and practice, you will be able to overcome them every time and grow in the process!

### I. We are victorious in the war of the world because of Jesus' victory

**John 16:33 KJV** 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.

#### ❖ THE VICTORY THAT JESUS WON OVER THE WORLD IS THE PATTERN FOR OUR VICTORY OVER THE WORLD

- Jesus defeated the power that controls the world
  - By living a sinless life
  - By the giving of his life
  - By the resurrection to life
- Jesus has gained our freedom from the power that controls the world
  - The power of His blood to cleanse from our sin
  - The power of His righteousness to help us resist temptation
  - The power of His Spirit to renew our mind

### II. We are victorious in the war of the world because of the Holy Spirit

**1 John 4:4 KJV** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

#### **Ye are of GOD:**

- We are under the influence of the Divine Spirit
- We belonged to God
- We are taught of God, anointed of God

#### ❖ THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN THE BELIEVER IS GREATER THAN THE POWER OF THE DEVIL IN THE WORLD

#### ❖ The assurance of victory over the world is rooted in the Spirit of God that lives in us.

- The Holy Spirit empowers us for victory
  - The Spirit dwells in us to deliver us from unrighteousness
  - The Spirit dwells in us to make us holy
  - The Spirit dwells in us to overcome the power of the world

➤ **Points to consider:**

- **We must activate the Spirit of God within**
- **We must submit to the Spirit of God**

III. We are victorious in the war of the world because of our faith

**1 John 5:4-5 KJV** 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?

**Whatsoever is born of GOD overcometh the world:**

- The power of faith, in enabling men to overcome the temptations laid in their way by the things of the world
- the new birth involved in faith gives us a new nature and a strength which conquers the world.
- It is not the person, but birth from God, which conquers.

❖ **EVERYONE THAT IS BORN OF GOD WILL STAND ON THEIR FAITH IN GOD TO OVERCOME THE WORLD**

- Faith is a weapon for victory over the world
  - Faith understands we must fight for victory
  - Faith is willing to endure the battle until the victory is won
  - Faith stands on the promises of GOD that guarantees victory over the world
  - Faith understands that victory over the world begins with confidence in Jesus, the Son of GOD.
- Faith that overcometh the world must:
  - **Be progressive** - grow by hearing the word of GOD –

**Romans 10:17 KJV** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- **Be active** – stand on the word of GOD –

**Romans 4:20-21 KJV** He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; (21) And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

- **Be persistent** – diligently pursue its goal –

**Hebrews 11:6 KJV** But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.