"Overcomers in a World at War: A Fruit of Genuine Salvation"

1 John 5:1-5

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- I. An Overcomer's **Inward Identification** (vs 1)
 - a. Overcomers are Identified by Their Belief in Jesus Christ
 - b. Overcomers are Identified by Their Love for God
 - c. Overcomers are Identified by Their Love for Christ
- II. An Overcomer's **Outward Lifestyle** (vs 2-3)
 - a. An Overcomer Has a **Loving** Lifestyle
 - b. An Overcomer Has an **Obedient** Lifestyle
 - c. An Overcomer Has a **Truth Guarding** Lifestyle
- III. An Overcomer's **Blessed Victory** (vs 4)
- IV. An Overcomer's **Attainable Challenge** (vs 5)

Luke 9:23 "And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- 2 Corinthians 12:9 "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."
- 2 Corinthians 12:10 "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

V. An Overcoming Application

- a. Overcomers MUST Cling to God
- b. Overcomers MUST <u>Treasure the Word of God</u>
- c. Overcomers MUST Love the People of God