

VICTORIOUS SONS

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INTRODUCTION

1. The need for training - soldiers for battle.
2. AM & PM series as prerequisites to upcoming series on Revelation. Series: "Love: Our Strategy for Victory"

1st: We are Sons of God Most High and Overcomers

1. "The Church Militant" ["The Church Triumphant"]: Church in this age between the 1st & 2nd comings of Jesus. Necessity of *overcoming* in Rev.
2. AM series = prerequisite - Lk 6:27 & 35 *love enemies* = battle strategy for Sons. Worship on battlefield & witness to enemies: gospel love.
 - i. *We were enemies* [Rm 5:10] made siblings - *Brother Saul* [A 9:17].
3. PM series = prerequisite: gospel love - Rv 12:11 Love as distinguishing trait of Jesus' disciples [Jn 13:34-35].
4. Love is mentioned in Jesus' letters to the 7 churches.
 - i. Rv 2:4-5 Ephesus - strong doctrinally, weak in love
 - ii. Rv 2:19 Thyatira - active love, doctrinally & morally compromised.
 - iii. It is the church in worship & witness that triumphs - overcomes.

Applic #1: Let Us Practice What We Know

1. Soldiers - "basic training". "Gospel love" is "basic" & familiar: but there is more to learn by repeated practice.
2. Church Militant since Jesus' victory & Pentecost - ongoing war.
3. Never forget basic training: gospel love.
3. Love: our strategy of victory. Practice:
 - i. Practice gospel love to Jesus.
 - ii. Practice gospel love in family.
 - iii. Practice gospel love to brethren in GCBC.
 - iv. Practice gospel love to those yet outside of Christ.
5. More than knowing about being overcomers, we need to overcome.
6. 1 Jn 3:23-5:4