

Victorious Living

1 John 4:1-6

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Memory Verse:

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. —1 John 4:4

1. Two **Paths**

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” —Matthew 7:13-14

2. Two **Spirits**

- Spirit of **antichrist**.

“But every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.”

—1 John 4:3

One Person & Many people —1 John 2:18

Coming & Already here —1 John 2:18

Spirit of this World —Ephesians 2:1-2

Spirit of Lies —1 John 4:6

- God’s **Anointing**—the Holy Spirit

“We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.”

—1 John 4:13-14

Given by God—1 John 4:13

Remains—1 John 2:26

Teaches—1 John 2:27

Truth—1 John 2:27

Assurance (we know)—1 John 3:24

3. Two Confessions

- Denial

“But every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.”

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- Acknowledgment—Jesus is the Christ.

Incarnation

Jesus has come in the flesh—Fully human, 1 John 4:2

Jesus is Son of God, comes from God—Fully Divine, 1 John 4:15

Have Jesus and the Father—Christ in You, 1 John 2:23, Colossians 1:27

Jesus promises to acknowledge us

Before God, (Judge)—Matthew 10:32

Before Angels, (Agents of Judgment)—Luke 12:8

4. Two Finish Lines

- Judgment

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

—1 John 4:18

- Victory

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Final Victory—Judgment.

Present Victory

Victory over sin, works of the Devil.

Victory in answered prayers.

Holy Spirit and authority

Binding and loosing—Keys of the Kingdom

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“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

—2 Timothy 1:7