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THE DOOR OF FAITH
FAITH 104: SESSION TEN

OVERCOMING THE WORLD BY FAITH

Acts 14:27

(27) And when they (the Jewish believers) were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened **the door of faith** unto the Gentiles.

Acts 10:34-35

(34) Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons: (35) But in every nation** he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

The Bible makes it clear that our faith in the Word of God is designed to live a quality of life that enables and empowers us to *overcome the world*. When we make a deliberate, conscious choice to cross over that threshold and enter through *The Door Of Faith*, we engage life on a new and advanced level. When we say "the world" we must realize that the Bible gives multiple references. For that purpose of our study, the world is defined as either:

- the operating systems of the world or
- the people of the earth.

DEFINING THE WORLD (NEW TESTAMENT)

KOSMOS

"order, arrangement, ornament, adornment"

- the "earth," or the universe
- the "earth" in contrast with Heaven
- the "human race, mankind,"
- "Gentiles" as distinguished from Jews, where the meaning is that all who will may be reconciled

- the "present condition of human affairs," in alienation from and opposition to God
- the "sum of temporal possessions,"

AION

"an age, a period of time," marked by its spiritual or moral characteristics

- its cares, gods, sons, rulers, wisdom, fashion, and references made to its "end" [end of this age]

OIKOUMENE

"the inhabited earth"

BORN AN OVERCOMER

1 John 5:1-5

(1) **Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God**: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. (2) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. (3) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. (4) 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?

- Once you are "born of God", you are "born again"
 - "a new creature" – your spirit being reborn from its fallen state [2 Corinthians 5:17]
 - "in this world, but not of this world" [John 8:23, 18:36]
 - Now an "ambassador" in Christ [2 Corinthians 5:20]
- Your new nature empowers you to be an overcomer [conquerer, one who prevails, subdue, and attain the victory over **all** life's circumstance and adversities
- Your faith is the means by which you overcome the complexities and deceits of this world's system and attain total victory.

AVOIDING WORLD CONFORMITY

Romans 12:1-2

(1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) **And be not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- Conformity to the systems of the world will result in a life of bondage and limitation.
- A believer's conformity to the world system is an effort to make the church non-effective, lacking significance, impact, and power in the earth

1 John 2:14-17

(14) I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, **and ye have overcome the wicked one.** (15) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) **For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.** (17) And **THE WORLD PASSETH AWAY**, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

- Indulgence in the world renders you helpless in powerless to overcome the world
- Here the world is defined as:
 - Pressure on the flesh to operate in opposition to the will of God
 - Pressure on the eye to meditate and ponder on worldly matters
 - Operating in the “pride of life” that the world produces
- None of these things are of God and they all will pass away (temporal)

THE WORLD THAT GOD LOVES

John 3:16-17

(16) **For God so loved the world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **WHOSOEVER** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

- The world that God loves is the “people” of the world
- Our job is to win the people of the world
- In order for us to win the world,:
 - Our attitude must be right about God (love)
 - Our attitude must be right about ourselves (overcomers)
 - Our attitude must be right about the people of the world (harvest)

1 Timothy 2:3-6

(3) For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; (4) Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (6) Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Romans 10:11-13

(11) For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

(12) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

(13) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

John 10:9-10

(9) I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. (10) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

END OF SESSION