

SERMON HANDOUT for June 26, 2022



GREATER

1 John 4:1-4 KJV

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INTRODUCTION

1 John 4:1-4 KJV

- Warning about false teachers
- Encouragement to live out the presence of God’s love

Acts 5:28-32 KJV

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."

--T. S. Eliot

1 John 4:4 – Reassurance

“Little Children” – same Greek word used in 1 John 2:12

THREE WORDS OF COMFORT...

1. YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE

1 John 4:1-4 KJV

⁴ Ye are of God...

Religious freedoms under attack.

- “Advancing International Religious Freedom”
- Degree of attack on religious freedom in America
- Stronger degree of attack on religious freedom in other countries

1 Peter 2:9 KJV

Ephesians 5:8 KJV

"When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be." --Lao Tzu

2. YOU HAVE TO KNOW YOU ALREADY HAVE THE VICTORY

1 John 4:4 KJV

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have **overcome** them...

“Overcome” – 5 other times: 2:13, 2:14; 5:4 (2x), 5:5

Deuteronomy 20:4 ESV

1 Corinthians 15:57 ESV

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."

-- Henry David Thoreau

3. YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHO GIVES YOU THE VICTORY

1 John 4:4 KJV

4 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.

GREATER:

- The power of Christ, who lives in the believer, is greater than the power of the world. (GREATER)
- The Holy Spirit living in the Christian is far stronger than any attack by the Devil. (GREATER)

This encouragement should empower believers:

- Not to fear Satan
- To trust the Lord and obey His commands. (GREATER)

We can overcome the powers of darkness and walk with boldness in this life. (GREATER)

Jesus won the supreme victory at the cross:

- Sin was atoned for
- Power of sin and death was broken (John 12:31; 1 Peter 2:24)

Colossians 2:13–15 NIV

Philippians 1:6 NIV

Transitional Text: Ephesians 2:10 KJV

Closing Text: John 14:12-13 KJV

ECCLESIA WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE
Week of June 26, 2022



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Things every ECF Disciple should do to REMAIN IN COMMUNITY:

- ⇒ **COMMIT** to be a part of one *weekly* STUDY GROUP (go to www.ecclesiachurch.com).
 - Click “**I’m New**” to access **Biblical Bases** for new believers
 - Click “**Sunday School**” to access **Sunday School Classes**
 - Click “**Study Groups**” to access **Youth, Young Adults** and **Sermon Notes** groups
 - Note: Email huggs@gmail.com if you wish to join a group
- ⇒ **CONNECT** with your Study Group on a weekly basis.
- ⇒ **INVITE** your family, neighbors and friends to join a Study Group.

Women’s Study! Summer Break. Resumes on September 6!

Sermon Notes Study! meets Wednesdays, 7pm. Go to www.ecclesiachurch.com for info!

*Men’s Book Study! Kingdom Agenda, 1st Saturday, 8am, **JULY 2.*** www.ecclesiachurch.com for info!

TAKE IT TO PRAYER:

- ⇒ Pray for your family and friends and needs of group members throughout the week
- ⇒ Pray for our Ecclesia Leaders and these prayer needs:

Joseph Spencer & Worship Team
Ushers, Greeters & GPS Security
My Connection Ministry
Children’s & Youth Ministries

Marie Clark & Family, bereavement
Darren Williams & Family, bereavement
Brian Wilson & Family, bereavement
Anissa Fellows, healing

TAKE IT TO WORSHIP: *Great*, Fred Hammond. <https://youtu.be/-JCMQWSSsS4>

PREPARATION (Steps to completing your study guide):

- 1) Please use the translation indicated on the sermon outline.
- 2) Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you and give you understanding.
- 3) Read, *study and meditate on 1 John 4:1-4 KJV.*
- 4) Highlight, underline, note anything that “jumps out” at you.
- 5) Watch sermon: “Greater” by Bishop Lawrence White, Church of the Living God, Tacoma, WA
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ecf+online
- 6) Answer each question giving as much detail as you can. Include other related verses.

FILL-IN’s: 1) WHO 2) ALREADY 3) GIVES

TAKE IT TO THE GROUP: (Share your questions, discoveries, and answers in your group discussion)

1. **YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE.** 1 John 4:4 KJV says “Ye are of God...”

Use 1 Peter 2:9 KJV and Ephesians 5:8 KJV to write a profession about who you are in Christ.

2. **YOU HAVE TO KNOW YOU ALREADY HAVE THE VICTORY.** 1 John 4:4 KJV says “Ye are of God, little children, and have **overcome** them...”

Read 1 John 4:1-3 aloud and explain who are being overcome.

3. Read John 16:33 KJV aloud, and read and summarize the article, “What did Jesus mean when He said, ‘I have overcome the world?’” on gotquestions.org (https://www.gotquestions.org/search.php?zoom_sort=0&zoom_query=overcome).

4. “Overcome” is used six times in 1 John (2:13, 2:14; 4:4; 5:4 twice, 5:5). Read the article, “What does it mean that greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)?” (https://www.gotquestions.org/search.php?zoom_sort=0&zoom_query=1+john+4%3A4).

What do you learn from this article about being an overcomer?

5. **YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHO GIVES YOU THE VICTORY.** 1 John 4:4 KJV says, “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.”

Share one verse with your group that best describes WHO gave YOU the victory in a specific situation in your life.

THE BIBLE CHALLENGE REVIEW

***** Sun, July 3, 5:30pm PST – Books of James and Galatians**

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89775027654>

Meeting ID: 897 7502 7654 or By Phone only: +1-669-900-9128 ... ID 897 7502 7654#

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Get your *2022 Bible Challenge Reading Schedule* at www.ecclesiachurch.com.

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