

**Introduction: Victory through Faith: Principles from 1 John 5:4; 1 John 5:5: Believers are Victorious over the Cosmic System**

8. Just as the Lord has overcome the *κόσμος / kosmos* / in the prototype so also believers overcome the *κόσμος / kosmos* / through residence in the operational divine power system.

9. It is faith alone in Christ alone which enables us to enter the system for the first time.

10. Without consistent function within this system the believer can produce nothing but failure in his efforts to serve God.

11. The power gate is the filling of the Holy Spirit and efficiency within the system is dependent upon our faith in the revealed Word of God.

12. Faith is nonmeritorious at salvation and it is nonmeritorious after salvation.

13. We enter the system through nonmeritorious faith at salvation and we execute the Christian way of life after salvation through nonmeritorious function within the system.

14. Some believers enter the system with the establishment virtue accumulated while in unbelief.

15. Others enter the system with little or no establishment virtue and must learn the principles of authority orientation to the laws of divine establishment among other things.

16. Positive volition overcomes this handicap. No one is excluded. Eventually they develop establishment virtue and then add doctrinal virtue to it.

17. Faith alone in Christ alone at salvation must be parlayed into faith alone in doctrine alone inside the Divine Power System.

18. In other words, that which wins the initial victory must become the believer's modus operandi in gaining spiritual victories in the invisible war, namely his faith.

19. The basis for our victory over the **κοσμος / kosmos** / is the subject of 1 John 5:5-6. Verse 5 begins with the interrogative pronoun:

**τις / tis** / - "Who"; introduces a rhetorical question and is followed by the present active indicative of the verb:

**εἰμι / eimi** / - "is"

present: Aoristic; punctiliar action in present time setting forth an event now occurring. The believer is the one who is currently being victorious over the **κοσμος / kosmos** / as a result of his faith in Christ.

active: The believer produces the action of being victorious.

indicative: Assumes there is an actual fact that may be stated in answer to the rhetorical question.

CTL: "Who is the one who is ..."

Next comes the action being produced by the believer, the present active participle of the verb:

**νικαω / nikaō** / - "to win; defeat the opposition; be victorious"

present: Aoristic; this is current status quo.

active: The believer in Christ produces the action at salvation.

participle: Circumstantial for simultaneous action with the main verb.

CTL: "Who is the one who is victorious over ..."

That which is being defeated is the direct object found in the accusative singular noun:

**ΚΟΣΜΟΣ** / *kosmos* / - “the cosmic system?”

Next comes the answer to the rhetorical question indicated by the idiom:

**ἐἴ + μὴ** / *ei + me* / - Lit: “if not,” but when used following a rhetorical question it becomes an idiom which is best translated into English by the phrase, “None other than.”

This person is identified by the present active participle of the verb:

**ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩ** / *pisteuō* / - “he who comes to believe”

present: Perfective; notes that which has come to be in the past but is emphasized as a present reality. Victory started at salvation.

active: The believer produces the action at salvation.

participle: Circumstantial.

CTL: Who is the one who is victorious over the cosmic system? None other than he who comes to believe ...”

1. As you know the verb **ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩ** / *pisteuō* / is translated “to believe,” while its noun form **ΠΙΣΤΙΣ** / *pistis* / is translated by the English word “faith.”

2. The root idea is transitive and demands an object. If you “believe” then it is apparent that there is some object in which you have placed your trust.

3. The same is true for faith. If you claim you have faith then it is imperative that your faith have an object.

4. So what is it that the believer in context has come to believe? That question is answered beginning with the conjunction:

**ὅτι** / *hoti* / - “that.” That which is believed is what follows beginning with the noun:

**Ἰησοῦς / *Iēsous* /** - “Jesus” And that quality which He possesses which makes Him the worthy object of saving faith is found in the present active indicative of the verb:

**εἰμι / *eimi* /** - “is”

present: Static; denotes the status quo of the Hypostatic Union as perpetually existing.

active: Jesus Christ produces the action of existing in this perpetual status.

indicative: Declarative; a dogmatic assertion of the fact that Jesus Christ is undiminished deity and true humanity in one Person forever. And the title which confirms this assertion concludes the verse:

**ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ / *ho Huios tou Theou* /** - “the Son of God”

**1 John 5:5 - [CTL] Who is the one who is victorious over the cosmic system? None other than he who comes to believe that Jesus is the Son of God.**

b. Principles from 1 John 5:5:

1. The initial victory over the cosmic system occurs at the moment of salvation through faith in Christ.
2. Thus, we start the Christian way of life as winner's who share in the strategic victory of Christ on the cross.
3. But this is only the first inning. You have to play nine and tactical victories must occur until the end of the ninth in order to be a winner.
4. The only way to exploit the initial victory is to maintain one's residence in the divine power system.
5. There are two ways to maximize this residency, (1) consistent use of the Rebound technique and (2) the utilization of doctrine to overcome the various momentum tests from the cosmic system.

6. Inside the divine power system the believer possesses divine operating assets, problem-solving devices, and spiritual skills which give him the tactical advantage in the Angelic Conflict.

7. Neither the strategic victory enjoyed at salvation nor the tactical victories won on the Trail to Santa Fé are possible without precedent for victory established by our Lord Jesus Christ.