

Keeping The Faith Part 3!

KJV 1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Being **born of God** means “regenerated” being given the **genes of God!**

Carrying God’s DNA just as the first Adam who had dominion over creation!

When Adam fell he couldn’t pass on the same **overcoming** faith to his children.

GWN Jude 1:3 Dear friends, I had intended to write to you about the salvation we share. But something has come up. It demands that I write to you and encourage you to continue your fight for the Christian faith that was entrusted to God's holy people once for all time.

The Faith we have in God **was handed down to us by faithful men and women of God!** We didn’t get in on our own, nor have we taught ourselves.

To be faithful to The Lord is fighting to maintain our relationship with Him!

When Paul says *KJV 2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

He was saying he didn’t just keep **his faith** (some personal brand or type of belief system), but he kept “**The Faith!**”

- **His belief that Jesus Christ is the son of God and Savior of the world!**
- **His belief that The Blood of Jesus cleanses from sin.**
- **His belief in The power of The Cross to reconcile all back to God.**
- **His belief in The power of The Holy Spirit, His gifts and His graces.**

Him saying **The Faith** makes our faith separate from other faiths, it’s also a term of honor, rank and preeminence making **Biblical Faith Rare and Valuable.**

Paul didn’t fight for **his faith**, no he fought for **The faith** more specifically **The Christian Faith.**

Paul realized what we must realize today—**there is no our faith without The Faith!**

1. **In order for us to continue praying we must fight for prayer by praying!**

We must pray at home, in school, on the job, in public and at church!

2. **In order for us to continue worshipping we must fight for worship by worshipping!**

We have to worship at home, in public and at church!

- ✓ A 2017 poll says 35% of millennials are leaving the organized church!
- ✓ A Gallup poll says less than 20% of Americans are attending church regularly.

3. In order for us to continue building healthy families we have marry God's way!

We must fight for the right for males to be men and females to be women!

4. In order for the next generation to see blessings, miracles, signs and wonders!

We must keep believing God is a miracle working God—That Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever!

Our children, neighbors, coworkers and strangers need to see us **doing** what we believe on a regular basis!

When people saw Paul fighting for **The Faith** they assumed it was **his faith** because he was willing to fight for it!

When we stop fighting for it we're telling the world it's not ours and it's not valuable!

- When we stop fighting for **The Faith** we begin losing the victory!

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If we stop fighting for the faith we become worldly!

The World starts overcoming us, slowly dominating our time, our families, our finances, our attitudes and every aspect of life!

We start losing the battle for our marriages, families, communities and churches because we're NOT keeping the faith once delivered to the saints.

Today many are not practicing the same faith handed down by the holy apostles and prophets!

- People now worship how they want.
- Pray only when they're in need!
- Come to church if they feel like it.
- And give when they want a blessing.

In both **Judges 17 and 21** says... "when there was no king everyone did as what right in his own eyes."

People don't share their faith, don't live holy, don't walk in love and forgiveness!

This is not **KEEPING THE FAITH!**

It might be their faith, but not Abraham's faith, Moses' faith, Jeremiah's faith, John The Baptists faith or the apostle Paul's faith.

This is what Paul was handing down to Timothy his son in the ministry!

The phrase "***Overcometh the world***" is mentioned **3 times** in two verses where did the apostle John get this idea? From Jesus Himself in John chapter 16.

Jesus didn't build churches, schools or changed the political structure in Rome!

He hadn't become a millionaire or a famous singer, actor or athlete!

He was rejected by His own people and executed at 33 years of age!

Yet in **John 16:33** 1 hour before His crucifixion Jesus says, "***I have overcome the world***"!

How could He claim victory? **By The worlds standards He was a failure!**

Yet Jesus declares, He is a conqueror! He stands victorious!

He conquered by obeying The Father and doing His will!

ESV 2 Timothy 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Paul **overcame** because he held on the faith he received when he met Christ on The Damascus road!

History has it the apostle Paul was beheaded!