

## Keeping The Faith Part 2

*KJV 1 John 5:4-5 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?*

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

**Gene therapy** is transplanted of normal genes into cells in place of missing or defective ones in order to correct genetic disorders.

*ESV 1 John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.*

Being born of God occurs when we place our faith in Jesus Christ!

When Jesus cursed the **fig tree** and **the disciples were amazed**, Jesus said:

*Mark 11:22 .... “**Have the faith of God.**”*

Since we have The Spirit of God and His DNA, we should have “*The God kind of faith*” or the same kind of faith God has!

**This is what the apostles John and Paul are talking about!**

*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.*

We have **genes that enable us to overcome** what people of the world cannot!

We have the ability to **overcome** everything life throws our way!

John says our **faith in God** has **already** given us the VICTORY!

**Faith doesn't prevent us from experiencing hurt, pain, evil, sickness or death!**

*KJV 1 Corinthians 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

*56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.*

*57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Honey bees can sting a person only once, after that they die!**

**Our faith in God is not a winning lottery ticket, that once we win we get to have everything we've ever wanted!**

**Faith is not a get out of jail free card!**

**2 Cor 11:23-** The apostle Paul said... "I've been in prison many more times, been beaten more severely, and have faced death more often.

**24** Five times the Jewish leaders had me beaten with 39 lashes;

**25** three times Roman officials had me beaten with clubs. Once people tried to stone me to death; three times I was shipwrecked, and I drifted on the sea for a night and a day.

**26** on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers;

**27** I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

**28** In addition to all the other things, there is that which comes on me every day, the care of all the churches."

Our faith in God helps us overcome these things, where others would faint, loose hope and fall apart—we have the victory!

*KJV 1 Corinthians 15:57* But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Because we have faith we already have the victory, we're not fighting to get the victory—we're fighting to keep the faith and gain more territory for Christ!

**Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego knew they had the victory facing death.**

**Daniel 3:16** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, "We don't need to answer your last question.

**17** If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.

**18** But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego knew the outcome doesn't change their status—they already had the victory and they knew it!

**Faith in God is not always getting the results we want, it's facing the challenges of life holding on to my faith, so we can pass on a strong, vibrant faith that won't quit to the next generation!**

*KJV Proverbs 24:10* If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

The word **strength** in Hebrew is *koach* and other than power it **means lizard!**

Yea, **lizard** because lizard are adaptable, many change skin color to match their environment when threatened.