

## ***“OVERCOMING THE WORLD”***

Message #3 of 5

### **“THE COMMANDS OF LIFE”**

*God has provided everything we need to be close to Him,  
to know Him, and to love Him, for now and forever.*

1<sup>st</sup> John 2:1-6

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***“OVERCOME”*** in 1<sup>st</sup> John - 2:13; 4:4; 5:4a, b; 5

***“COMMANDS”*** – can be very good for you

Save, bless, protect, instruct, guide, teach, preserve.

***“SIN”*** – falling short / missing the mark

#### **1. WE HAVE ... AN ADVOCATE – “OURS”** (v.1b-2)

*“If anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in  
our defense.”* – v.1a

- *“an atoning sacrifice”* –

Romans 3:25

Romans 5:11

Romans 5:19

*“God exposes our sin, not to judge us, but by grace to draw us,  
convict us, forgive us, restore and transform us.”* – Paul Tripp

#### **2. WE HAVE ... COME TO KNOW GOD – “OBEY”** (v.3-4)

*“We know that we have come to know him if we obey his  
commands.”* – v.3

- *“the one who does not ... is a liar”* –

1<sup>st</sup> John 5:3

1<sup>st</sup> John 3:22, 24

*“We are not free to do what is right in our own eyes.*

*We are called to do what is right in His eyes.”* – R.C. Sproul

#### **3. WE HAVE ... BEEN MADE COMPLETE – LOVE** (v.5-6)

*“If anyone obeys his word, God’s love is truly made complete  
in him.”* – v.5a

- *“truly made complete”* –

1<sup>st</sup> John 1:4; 2:5; 4:12; 4:17

#### **HOW TO KNOW ...**

*“This is how we know we are in him:*

*Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.”*

– 1<sup>st</sup> John 5b-6