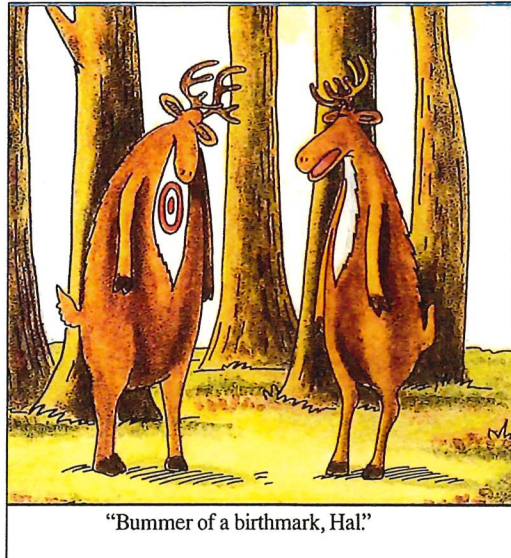


1 John 5: 1-5
4 Evidences of a Child of God



Overcoming the World

5 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. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

4 Identifying Evidences of the Child of God

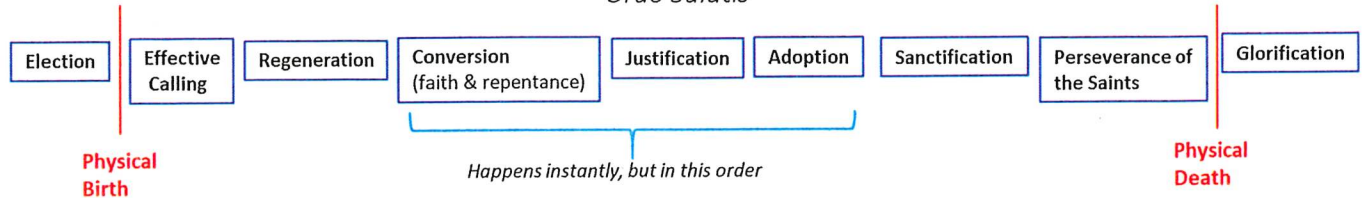
1. Been born of God and believe that Jesus is the Messiah (v1,4)
2. Love the Father and His Family (v2-3)
3. Obey His Commands; it's not a Burden (v3)
4. Have Overcome the World – by our Faith – in Jesus, the Son of God (v4-5)

#1 We have been born of God and believe that Jesus is the Messiah (v1,4)
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The assurance of my salvation comes not from the fact that I did trust Christ, but that I am trusting Christ for my salvation.

Adrian Rogers

The Order of Salvation "Ordo Salutis"



#2 We Love the Father and His Family (v1-2)

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. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

#3 We Obey His Commands; it's not a Burden (v3)

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

How can our obedience to God become a burden?

How does Godly obedience produce joy?

"Love provides the motive for obeying the commands of the law, but the law provides specific direction for exercising love."

Jerry Bridges
Transforming Grace

#4 We Have Overcome the World – by our faith – in Jesus, the Son of God v4-5

⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

"Faith in faith is just positive thinking, but faith in Jesus is salvation."

Adrian Rogers

When we are waffling in our faith, what are ways we OVERCOME the lies of the world through Jesus Christ?

“It is not the strength of your faith but the object of your faith that actually saves you. Strong faith in a weak branch is fatally inferior to weak faith in a strong branch.”

– Timothy Keller, The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

Jesus Calms a Storm (Mark 4)

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

What did Jesus want from them in the boat? (Mark 4)	How does John want believers to overcome the world? (1 John 5)
Remember: Who’s in the boat with me (Son of God)	Remember: I am “Born of God”
Remember: Faith is not automatic. Deliberately exercise the faith I have when in trouble	Remember: I’ve already overcome the world.
Remember: It’s not the amount, it’s the OBJECT of my faith	Remember: The faith I’ve been given is my victory in this world
Remember: Jesus’ love for me	Remember: No one can face-down the world except those believing in Jesus, the son of God

John asks us a rhetorical question in v5-----

⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Answer: *No one!*

Believing Jesus is the Son of God, means what?

"SON OF GOD"	SCRIPTURE
Heavenly, eternal Son; equal to God Himself	Matt 11:25-30; 17:5; 1 Cor 15:28; Heb 1:1-3,5,8
Unique Son from the Father	John 1:14, 18, 34, 49
Fully reveals the Father	John 8:19, 14:9
So great, we can trust Him for eternal life	John 3:16, 36; 20:31
All authority from the Father to give life & pronounce eternal judgment, rules over all	John 3:36; 5:20-22, 25; 10:17; 16:15
Sent by the Father, therefore, existed eternally	John 3:17; 5:23; 10:36
Heir of all things; created the world; Exact duplicate of God's nature; Upholding the universe by His word of power	Heb 1:3
Strongly affirms His Deity as the eternal Son in the Trinity. Equal to God the Father – all attributes	