

Sermon Discussion Questions:
Living an Overcoming Life | Overcoming Sin
Compelled Church, November 21-22, 2020

For use alone, with continued study

Proposition: The power to overcome sin is to grow in our love for Christ and his kingdom.
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1. Is the need to overcome sin great in Christians or not so great? What is your opinion?

2. Read some of these verses, observe, and chat about their messages and implications:

“The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29, NASB95)

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“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?” (Romans 6:1–2, NASB95)

“But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.” (Hebrews 3:13, NASB95)

3. Pastor shared that if we do not overcome sin what is taken from our lives? Or what are the effects on us? Please share some of those.

4. Pastor said **“The Power to overcome sin is to have a growing love for Jesus”** Have you experienced this and how?

5. Review Mark 12.20-31, Which way do we love God the easiest and which way is the hardest?

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6. Review the 6 ways to love the Lord more and deeper? Which ones are new to you? Which one is a great challenge? Which one is needed more in your own personal life?

HOMEWORK: Open your eyes to see God’s love in Action this week. Look for kindness, love, acts of serving, Christ in your family, kids, neighbors etc., and praise him with gratitude. Share these next week.

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Sin=Greek Word "Hamartian" = missing the mark; a departure from God standards of uprightness

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Overcoming Sin is done by loving Jesus deeper in our soul;

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1 John 4.19 *"We love, because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19, NASB95)*

How can our love for Jesus Christ Keep Growing?

1. Intentionality and time

"It's impossible to live out the lesson of Jesus without living out the lifestyle of Jesus"
Investing time with Jesus in His Word, Prayer, solitude, worship, contemplation

2. Don't compromise your love for Jesus by poor decisions because of a lack of boundaries.

Places, friends, choices?

3. Living Incarnationally (loving Others)

"And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24–25, NASB95)

4. Gratitude (not entitled)-expressing thanks in worship, living in thanks, which is worship

5. Serving Christ by serving others

6. Open your eyes to see God's love in Action