

OVERCOME

Light

December 1, 2019

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I. The Beginning

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light (Genesis 1:3).

II. Is Darkness Gaining Ground?

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5).

III. How Can the Light Overcome Darkness?

A. Light must be the priority of one's life.

*In him was **life**, and the **life** was the **light** of men (John 1:4).*

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will **not walk in darkness**, but will have the **light of life**" (John 8:12).*

B. This Light has authority over all things.

***All things** were made **through him**, and without him was not any thing made that was made (John 1:3).*

¹⁶ *For **by him** all things were created, in **heaven** and on **earth**, **visible** and **invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things** were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is **before all things**, and in him **all things** hold together. (Colossians 1:16–17).*

¹³ *"When the **Spirit of truth** comes, he will **guide you** into all the **truth**... ⁸ And when he comes, **he will convict the world** concerning **sin** and **righteousness** and **judgment**..." (John 16:13, 8).*

C. This Light is faith and hope.

He was in the beginning with God (John 1:2).

He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you (1 Peter 1:20).

⁷⁸ *“because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the **sunrise shall visit us** from on high ⁷⁹ to **give light** to those who **sit in darkness** and in the **shadow of death**, to guide our feet into the **way of peace**” (Luke 1:78–79).*

D. The Light, the Word of God, has power to destroy darkness.

*In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word was with God**, and the **Word was God** (John 1:1).*

¹¹ *Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in **righteousness he judges and makes war**. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and **the name** by which he is called is **The Word of God** (Revelation 19:11–13).*

¹² *For the **word of God** is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, **piercing** to the division of **soul** and of **spirit**, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart** (Hebrews 4:12).*

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