

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 12-5-10 AM NOTES
"WALKING IN VICTORY OVER THE WORLD"
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14
#3 in Series, "Resisting the Lure of the World"

The world is an organized system of ideas and values that is energized by Satan and leaves out God and His Word.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

John 12:31 (NKJV) "Now is the judgment of this world; now **the ruler of this world** will be cast out."

2 Corinthians 4:4 (ESV) "In their case **the god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

1 John 5:19 (NIV) "We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one."

James 4:6 (NKJV) "But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: '*God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.*'"

John 16:33b (NKJV) "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

1 John 5:4 (NKJV) "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith."

Athanasius contra mundum = Athanasius against the world

"Athanasius stared down murderous intruders into his church. He stood before emperors who could have killed him as easily as exiling him. He risked the wrath of parents and other clergy by consciously training young people to give their all for Christ including martyrdom."

—John Piper

I. Be Watchful (v. 13a)

Galatians 6:1a (NKJV) "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one..."

A. The Devil

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV) "Be sober, be **vigilant**; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

Ephesians 6:11 (NASB) "Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil."

B. Temptation

Mark 14:38 (NKJV) "**Watch** and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

C. False Teachers

Acts 20:29-31 (NKJV) “²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. ³¹ Therefore **watch**, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.”

2 Timothy 4:3-5a (NKJV) “³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be **watchful**...”

D. The Coming of the Lord

Matthew 24:42 (NKJV) “**Watch** therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.”

1 John 2:28 (ESV) “And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”

II. Stand Firm in the Faith (v. 13b)

“The faith of which Paul speaks here is not the faith of trusting but the faith of truth, the content of the gospel.”

—John MacArthur

Jude 1:3b (NKJV) “...the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

2 Thessalonians 2:15 (NIV) “So then, brothers, **stand firm** and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.”

III. Be Brave (v. 13c)

IV. Be Strong (v. 13d)

Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV) “Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord** and in the power of His might.”

Ephesians 3:16 (NKJV) “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened** with might through His Spirit in the inner man.”

1 Corinthians 10:12 (NKJV) “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”

V. Be Loving (v. 14)

Hebrews 12:6 (NKJV) “*For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.*”

Philippians 2:3 (NKJV) “*Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.*”