

III. ENJOY THE GOD OF LOVE (4:12-21)

A. Maturity (vs 12-16)

“13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”

Ephesians 4:13-15

B. Certainty (vs 17-18)

“35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:35-39

C. Integrity (vs 19-21)

“since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;” Colossians 1:4

OVERCOME ~ I JOHN

Overcome Fear

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INTRODUCTION

A. God has called His children to overcome. We can and should live victorious over the difficulties in this world.

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

I John 5:4

B. The book of I John is a game plan for victory. In this series you will discover how to overcome many difficulties in your life.

May 8	Overcome Sin
May 15	Overcome Hypocrisy
May 22	Overcome Deception
May 29	Overcome Impurity
June 5	Overcome Division
June 12	Overcome False Teaching
TODAY	Overcome Fear
June 26	Overcome Defeat

Come and apply these messages and develop a victorious game plan.

C. TEXT: I John 4:7-21 (Pew Bible/Pg.1198/New Test.)

Overcome Fear And Experience Victory

HOW TO OVERCOME FEAR

I. **KNOW** THE GOD OF LOVE (4:7-8)

A. God **is** love (v8b)

“The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.” Jeremiah 31:3

“Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.” John 13:1

B. Love comes **from** God (vs 7-8a)

*“14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;
15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”*
I Peter 1:14-16

“Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:5

II. **DEMONSTRATE** THE GOD OF LOVE (4:9-10)

A. God demonstrated love to **us** (vs 9-10)

“For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”
Romans 5:10

“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”
Hebrews 9:22

“1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),”
Ephesians 2:1-5

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”
Galatians 2:20

B. We are to demonstrate love to **one another** (v 11)

“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”
Galatians 5:13

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,”
I Thessalonians 3:12

“But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;”
I Thessalonians 4:9