

# Philippians Series

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# Philippians

## Jesus Already Overcame the World

### Philippians 1:6; John 16:33



**Php. 1:5, “for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,**

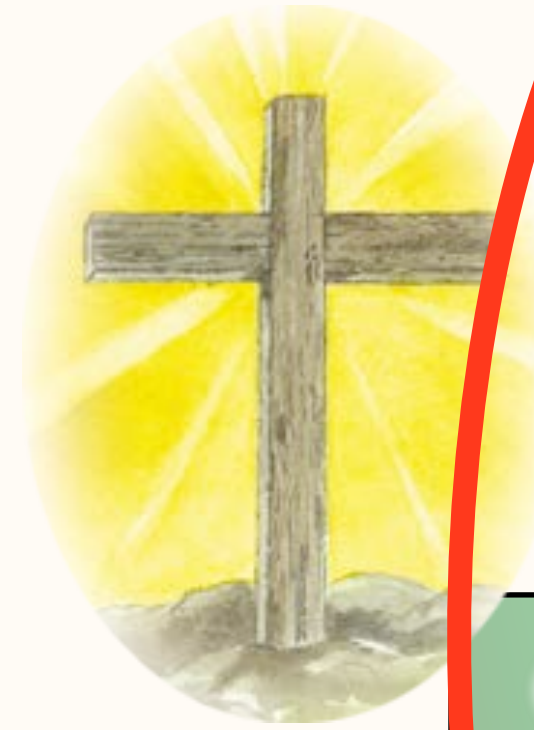
**Php. 1:6, “being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;” ~NKJV**

**Php. 1:10, “that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,”**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**the “Day of Christ”**





RAPTURE  
OF THE CHURCH



Church  
Age

Tribulation

Millennial  
Kingdom

Eternal  
State

BEMA  
Judgment  
Seat of  
Christ

Second Resurrection  
(unsaved)

GREAT  
WHITE  
THRONE

Unsaved Dead

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**articular pres act ptcp/ 1S aor act indic**

**“victors, winners, conquerors, overcomers.”**

**Cognate to the noun, *νίκη nikē*, “victory, success.”**

***Nikao* “to overpower, to gain victory, to win.”**

**What did Christ overcome?**



**John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”**

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**Christ overcame (completed action with results that continue) the world.**

## **Two views:**

- 1. Every true believer is an overcomer.**
- 2. Only believers who advance in the Christian life are overcomers.**

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**1 John 2:29, “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is [has already been] born of Him.” ~RD**

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**This isn't quite the same, because it is the finite verb.**

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**1 John 4:7, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is (1) born of God and (2) knows God.”**

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**Only those born of God and who know God love.**

**John 14:7, “ ‘If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.’**

**John 14:8, “Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’**

**John 14:9, “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ ”**

**1 John 2:3, “By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.**

**1 John 2:4, “The one who says, ‘I have already come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ~RD**

**1 John 2:5, “but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are [abiding] in Him:”**

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# Summary

- 1. To know Him is to have love for God.**
- 2. Knowing Him is not = believing in Christ as savior.**
- 3. Knowing Him is a process that begins at salvation.**
- 4. Example: Philip was saved, but did not know Christ, John 14:9.**
- 5. Therefore, a believer must come to know God, know His Word, apply His Word, to come to love God, which in turn is manifested by biblical love for other believers.**
- 6. So the immature believer does not yet know God or love God, which means the immature, or out-of-fellowship believer still spends a lot of time loving the world.**



# Summary

- 7. The believer who loves one another meets two prerequisites, *born from God* and *knows God*.**
- 8. 1 John 3:9 tells us that for John the one born from God is not merely someone regenerated, but someone who is living like a regenerated person.**

**1 John 5:18, “We know that whoever has already been born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.”**

*πᾶς pas*

**masc sing nom all,  
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**Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk by means of the Spirit, and it will be impossible for you to fulfill the lust of the sin nature.” ~RD**

**περιπατέω *peripateō*  
2 plur pres act impera  
“to walk, figuratively, to  
conduct your life”**

**οὐ μὴ τελέσητε  
*ou me telesyte* aor act subj 2P  
*teleo*, “fulfill, bring to  
completion”  
The double negative with a  
subjunctive verb indicates the  
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## What Does it Mean We “Do Not Sin”?

**1 Jn. 3:6, “Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.”**

**1 Jn. 3:8, “He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

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**The world:**

**κόσμος *kosmos* masc sing acc world, the order or structure of Satan’s thinking, i.e., arrogance in reference to himself and antagonism toward God.**

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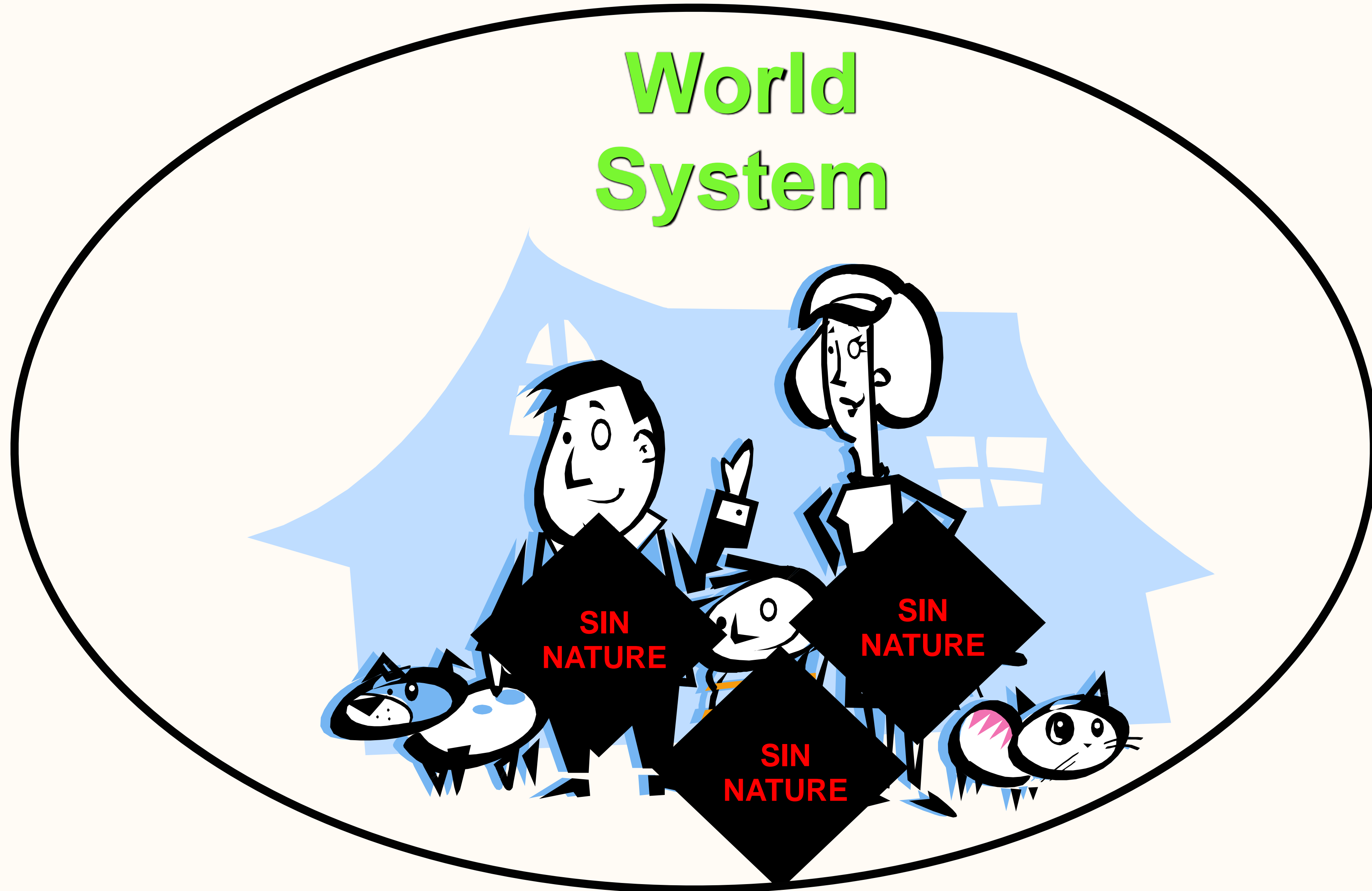
# **What Did Christ Overcome?**

- 1. Before Christ went to the cross He overcame the world.**
- 2. The “world” or worldliness is different from sin.**
- 3. On the cross Jesus Christ paid the sin penalty.**
- 4. In His life He overcame the thinking of the world, setting the precedent for our victory over the thinking of the world.**
- 5. Thus, overcoming the world is a post-salvation, Phase 2, function of spiritual growth, not positional truth in Christ, Phase 1.**



# DEVIL

## World System



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**related to the rebellious mentality of Satan and the demons.**

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**Worldliness**

