

VICTORY IN TESTING

1 John 4:4-6

I. VICTORY IN TESTING IS _____ ON THE _____ OF
GOD- 1 John 4:4

A. The Infinite Greatness of God and Our _____ to Him—*You are from God*

B. The Infinite Greatness of God and Our _____ through God—*you...have overcome them*

C. Infinite greatness of God _____ with the _____ and the _____—*greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world*

“From this attribute of the infinite power of God, we have a ground of comfort in the lowest estate of the church. Let the state of the church be never so deplorable, the condition never so desperate, that power that created the world, and shall raise the bodies of men, can create a happy state for the church, and raise her from an overwhelming grave. Though the enemies trample upon her, they cannot upon the arm that holds her, which by the least motion of it can lift her up above the heads of her adversaries, and make them feel the thunder of that power that none can understand.”—*Stephen Charnock, Works Vol. II, 181*

II. VICTORY IN TESTING _____ THE VAST _____
BETWEEN _____ AND THE _____ - 1 John 4:5

A. _____—from the world (4:5)

1. *Unbelievers _____ the world*

“Man brought forth children of the same nature as himself after the fall. That is to say, being corrupt he brought forth corrupt children. The corruption spread, by God’s just judgment, from Adam to all his descendants—except for Christ

“To know Him and to make Him known”

alone—not by way of imitation...but by way of the propagation of his perverted nature.”—*Canons of Dort* III:2

2. Unbelievers _____ from the world

3. Unbelievers _____ from the world

B. _____—from God (4:6)

1. Believers are distinguished from unbelievers on their acceptance of biblical teaching—he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us

2. Believers can distinguish between truth and error—the spirit of truth and the spirit of error

Conclusion- 1 Peter 3:13-16