

The Faith Of This Hour

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JOHN 5:4-5

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

ROMANS 10:17

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

In Order To Make It In
This Age, We Need A
Specific Faith

65-0718E — Spiritual Food In
Due Season

4 And I want you to get built up
now in the...this Holy Oracles
of God, in the Faith, the Faith
of this hour.

The Faith! It's going to take
more faith than ever was in any
age, for this has to be
rapturing faith, be taken up.

And so we want you to believe tonight in all that you have seen, heard, the Word that you have heard preached,

the—the signs and wonders that you have seen done. We want you to accumulate all that together in your heart, and consider it, whether if that be God or not.

65-0801M — The God Of This
Evil Age

37 We find now, this evil age is
to prove, to Satan, She is not
like Eve, that She is not that
type of a woman.

And She will be tried by His
Word, the Bride, as Adam's
bride was tried by the Word.
And Adam's bride believed
every bit of the Word, all,

but confused on one promise,
that, “He’s the same yesterday,
today, and forever,” today, see;
but failed on one promise,
under the temptation of the
enemy, face to face.

And now, the people that's
called for His Name, of course,
is His Bride. She is to come in
contact again by the same
thing; not by just
denominational truth or
something, but every Word!

CAB-08 — 8 - The Philadelphian
Church Age

“I also will keep thee from the
hour of temptation, which
shall come upon all the world,
to try them that dwell upon
the earth.”

This verse is not a declaration that the true church will go into and through the tribulation. If it meant that it would have said that. But it said, “I will keep thee from the hour of temptation.”

This temptation is exactly like
the temptation in Eden. It will
be a very inviting proposition
held up in direct opposition to
God's commanded Word,

and yet from the standpoint of
human reasoning it will be so
very right, so enlightening and
life-giving as to fool the world.
Only the very elect will not be
fooled.

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having
your loins girt about with truth,
and having on the breastplate of
righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with
the preparation of the gospel of
peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

63-0825M — How Can I
Overcome?

44 We see this age that we're
living in. It's one of the
grandest ages of all ages.

This Laodicea Church Age is
the grandest of all the church
ages, because it's the ending
of time and the blending of
Eternity.

And, then, it's the greatest
sinful age. It's more sin in this
age than there's ever been. And
the powers of Satan is—is
many times harder to fight
against than it was in any age.
See?

45 Here, back there in early ages, a Christian could, for his profession of being a church...of belonging to Christ, could be beheaded for it. He could be killed, and put out of his misery, and go to meet God, quickly.

But now the enemy has come
in, in the name of the church,
and it's so deceiving. This is
the great age of deception.

When, Christ said so, “The two
spirits would be so close in the
last days till it would deceive
the very Elected if it was
possible.”

See? See? See? Remember,
Christ spoke of an elected
people for the last day. See? “It
would deceive the very Elected
if it were possible.”

So close! The people so live,
people can live a clean, holy life;
not be sinful, adulterers, and
drinkers, and liars, gamblers.
They can live above that, and
still not with it.

46 This is the—the age of Life,
personal Life of Christ, where,
the—the chemical of His Body,
what was in Him.

The Thing To
Overcome Is Myself

ROMANS 7:18-21

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

63-0825M — How Can I Overcome?

72 The thing you have to overcome is yourself, your idea, your thing, and surrender yourself to Him. He overcome for you. He knows the way; we don't.

61-1119 — Perfect Strength By
Perfect Weakness

99 I've often said, "The
greatest enemy I got is William
Branham." He's the one that
gets in God's way. He's the one
that gets lazy.

He's the one that gets to a
place sometimes where he
thinks he can do something
about it, and, when he does,
that shoves God right out of
the picture.

But when I can get rid of that
guy, when I can get to a place
that he is out of the way, then
God can come over and do
things that William Branham
knows nothing about.

100 That's when God can use
you. That's when He can use
any of you. He can use anybody
when we get out of the way.
But as long as we got ourselves
in the way, then we cannot. All
right.

65-0829 — Satan's Eden

128 ...I don't care what it is,
see. If it's against God's Word,
be against it. That's your
enemy. Anything that's against
the Word is your enemy.

129 Everything that's for the
Word is your brother. He's a
part of you.

To Overcome Is To
Keep The Life Of
Christ In You

63-0825M — How Can I
Overcome?

41 I was crossing an old log the other day, down a—a wash, or what is called a hollow. And I jumped up on this log.

On the outside, it looked good, looked like a big old beech log. But when I jumped on it, oh, a great chunk of it fell off. It was real rotten and doty.

I said, “That’s the way the
Christians are becoming.” They
been dead in sin and
trespasses, so long, till become
doty.

They can hold no weight, at all.
They—they don't know what
the overcoming means. And I
begin to think of this text,
then. Overcome, keep Life in
you.

When life went out, that's what brought that log to that condition. See? And it made it worse than ever when it laid in the branch where the water was.

42 And then, there, you take a
Christian, that's supposed to
be a Christian, let the Life of
God go from him,

and the experience, the joy of
serving Christ; and, living in a
church where such is going on,
he rottens twice as quick,
right, living right under.

43 So, if we are trying to follow the Message of the hour, or at least this part of the Message, we should live constantly in the Life of Christ. See? Cause, if it don't, you lay around,

and know that these things
that you're supposed to do,
and don't do it, the Bible said,
“He that knoweth to do good,
and doeth it not, to him it's
sin.”

Then you become doty, rotten,
when you're separated from
the Life of God. So, strive with
all that's in you, to stay in the
Life of Christ, that you would
be fruit-bearing.

Every Age Had
Overcomers

63-0825M — How Can I Overcome?

51 Now, we see these hours that we're in, this stage, and we see what it was. And the Holy Ghost is rebuking the age that put Him out.

But, in all that, did you notice,
“To him that overcometh”? Even
in that worldly, wicked church
age, “Him that overcometh.”

52 We find here that God has
always had overcomers. He's
had overcomers in every age.

There's always, every time, in
every age that there's been on
the earth, God has always had
somebody He could put His
hands on, as a witness in the
earth.

He's never been without a
witness, though sometimes
just one. But somebody
overcome, now, like the saints
of old.

56-0415 — The Deep Calling To
The Deep

16And now, I want you to see
it. God, always at all times, ever
since there's been an earth, He's
had someone He could put His
hand on and call, "This is My
servant."

17 Sometimes it comes to just⁶⁵
one person, like in the days of
Noah, or the time of Elijah, and
so forth. Sometime it's just
one person. But He's never
been without a witness, as
long as there has been an
earth.

And He never will be without a
witness, as long as there is an
earth. There's always someone
that He can put His hands on,
and put His trust in, and say,
"This is My servant that'll do
My will."

Wouldn't it be nice today if He
say about us? "This is My
servants, who I can put my
trust in, and they'll do My will."

63-0728 — Christ Is The
Mystery Of God Revealed

594 Justified in His sight! Why
are we justified? We are His
victory. The Church is His
victory.

We come forth in this last days
with this glorious Gospel,
showing His victory. He died
for this purpose, and we are
proof of His victory.

Amen! When we see Him
coming down and living
among the Church, that's His
victory. Shows that he couldn't
keep Him in the grave, neither
can they keep us. That's right.

We're bound right. And we're already, potentially, arisen, because we've raised from dead, unbelief in His Word, from denomination creeds, to an Eternal Word of the Eternal God;

which is Him, Hissself, working through us, manifesting Himself that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Measure Of
Overcoming Faith In
Every Age Was
Commensurate To
The Adversity

1 Corinthians 12:13

¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Ephesians 4:4-7

⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

⁷ But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

63-0322 — The Fifth Seal

139 That's gallant men. That's men who can stand. The martyrs down through the ages, there, suffered terribly.

But what was they? They were under the inspiration, the Spirit of God, the power. I...

140 Don't forget this, church.
And you brethren, on tape, I
want you to examine this. How
could men do anything else
besides the power of God that
had been released to them?

I'm going to set this box up here, to represent that. If God sends a certain Spirit among them, that's the only thing that they can work by, is the Spirit that works among them.

Now we'll prove to you, by the history of the Church, and by the—the opening of the Seals, and the powers that let loose;

and watch, exactly, the Church
responded to the—the
anointing, and they couldn't do
nothing else.

65-0410 — The Easter Seal

183 Every time, a religious power went forth to meet the challenge of the political power of the world. When the lion raised up, the religious power, it went to meet the Roman power.

184 And then when come the
sacrifice hour, the ox went,
because he's the sacrifice Beast
of the Lord.

185 Then come the reformers,
down through the church ages,
come the face of a man. And the
reformers had been since
Luther, Wesley, oh, Calvin, on
down, down, pentecostal age.

186 But in the last Message
that went forth, there come a
flying eagle. It's eagle time,
reveal time, the Word of God
made manifest, the Word of
God proved.

Oh, children, walk into this
baptism of the Holy Spirit.
Come in and believe It, with all
your heart, God will fill you.

CAB-04 — 4 - The Smyrnaean
Church Age

“Be thou faithful unto death.”

He does not say be faithful until death, but unto death.

You may have to seal your testimony with your blood. Thousands, yea millions, have died during all the ages.

They died in the faith. Like Antipas, the faithful martyr, they held not their lives dear unto death. Often we think that it would be almost impossible to be a martyr.

But dare to recall that the faith
we daily use to triumph in
Christ Jesus is the same faith
that upholds the Polycarps and
all martyrs.

The supreme faith will give
supreme grace for the
supreme hour. Blessed be God
forever!

The Amount Of Faith
Available To The Saints
Corresponds To The
Word Of God Revealed
In Their Time

61-0723M — The Ever-Present

Water From The Rock

149 And when we die, our souls
will go under the altar of God;
where I was privileged to see, a
few mornings ago,

as you know, in the vision,
where the Bible speaks of, “Our
spirits will go to God Who give
it, and our bodies shall return to
the dust of the earth.”

But someday, when the Scripture is fulfilled, our spirits will be released from God, will pick up the soul, and the soul to the body.

And the Power that will raise
us up, is right in us now! We
are now in Heavenly places. We
are now in the Power of the
resurrection.

150 If there wasn't a law to
that, sons and daughters of
God would create them a world
out here and go live a private
life on it.

You have the Power in you to
do it. If you've got a shadow of
the Power of God in you, you
got Power to do it.

God is omnipotent. See what I
mean? The Power that's in you
will make, you could speak a
world into existence and go
live on it. Hallelujah! There you
are.

151 That's what Power is in the Church now, but it is controlled by a law. And that law is not "keeping a bunch of commandments." It's a law of faith. Jesus said, "All things are possible to them that believe."

And if you can believe it,
whatever God will lead your
soul to believe, that is yours.
Every place the soles of your
foot can set upon, by faith,
God gives it to you.

Amen! It's yours, you possess
it, if you can find the key to
this law of faith that opens it
to you. You see what I mean?
That Power is controlled by...

If you are a son of God, you are
a daughter of God, that never
leaves you. It's with you all the
time. But, your faith gets away
from It, but It's still there.
Hallelujah!

152 When you are saved, God gives you faith to rise from the muck of the earth. Your faith overcomes the things of the world. What is your faith?

Your faith in that act that God
has did in you, to make you a
son of God. You quit your lying,
you quit your stealing, you quit
your drinking, because your
faith rises you up above it.

Amen. If you don't do it, you
don't have any faith. "And by
faith are you saved, and that
through grace."

153 As much as your faith will be released, that's how much Power you can have, because in you dwells the Power to make Heavens and earth.

God dwells in you, and you are
sons and daughters of God.
Amen! There you are. But, it's
your faith. Jesus said,
“According to your faith, be it
unto you.

If thou canst believe, all things
are possible. Verily, I say unto
you, if you say unto this
mountain, 'Be moved,' and
don't doubt, but believe that
what you have said!"

Ephesians 2:8

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Faith Comes By
Hearing, Hearing By
The Word

1 Samuel 15:1

15 Samuel also said unto Saul,
The LORD sent me to anoint
thee to be king over his people,
over Israel: now therefore
hearken thou unto the voice of
the words of the LORD.

Genesis 3:8

⁸ And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Revelation 1:10-12

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

¹¹ Saying, I am Alpha and Omega,¹¹⁶
the first and the last: and, What
thou seest, write in a book, and
send it unto the seven churches
which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and
unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos,
and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis,
and unto Philadelphia, and unto
Laodicea.

¹² And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

65-1204 — The Rapture

66 Now, it is a revelation, for the revelation is faith. You cannot have a revelation without it being faith. Faith is a revelation, because it's something that's revealed to you. Faith is a revelation.

Faith is something that has
been revealed to you, like it
was to Abraham, that could
call anything contrary to what
had been revealed to him, as
though it wasn't so.

Now, faith, that's what faith is,
is the revelation of God. The
Church is built upon a
revelation, the whole entire
Body.

65-1126 — Works Is Faith
Expressed

105 Now, faith is “a revelation
from God.” Now, faith is a
revelation. There’s where I
want to stay, there, just a
moment.

It's a revelation. He has
revealed it to you by His grace.
It's nothing you did. You didn't
work yourself up into faith.

You ever have faith, it's give to
you by the grace of God. And
God reveals it to you, therefore
faith is a revelation. And the
whole Church of God is built
upon the revelation.

65-0418M — It Is The Rising Of The
Sun

159 Let me straighten a little
Scripture here for you. I think we're
off of the phone, but we are still
here. Saint John 5:24, Jesus said,
“He that heareth My Word,

and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life.” Now look, I go down the street and just take that literally, what It is, without the spiritual understanding...

Not making It say nothing else,
but just saying what It says, see,
the right word there, in the
Greek, in the original, it says,
“He that understandeth My
Word.”

160 Now, to prove that's right. I go down here, and here's a drunk coming along the street, and with some other man's wife on his arms,

and cussing, and taking God's Name in vain, and everything else like that. "Say, did you hear what that preacher said? Did you?"

“Yeah, I heard It!” That don’t mean he’s got Eternal Life. See? See?

“He that understandeth My Word,” he that is an eagle!

65-0218 — The Seed Is Not Heir 130
With The Shuck
65 “He that heareth My
Word,” the word there is,
“understandeth.” Any drunkard,
anything else, can hear It and
walk away. “But he that heareth
My Word, understandeth My
Word,

and believeth on Him that sent
Me, hath everlasting Life, and
shall not come into the
Judgment; but is passed from
death unto Life.” Yes, sir.

He that this great mystery of
the God made known,
understands, how that God was
in Christ reconciling Himself to
the world,

how that He and the Father
were One, how that the great
mysteries of the fulfilling of God
taking and bringing Himself,
manifested in the age of human
beings,

and in the strain of human beings, and in the company of human beings; to make His Word manifested in the day, in the eastern rising of the sun,

and to do the same thing as the sun sets in the west, to make Hissself manifested in a Bride Church, the Word made manifest. See? It will, too.

“He that understandeth,” that
is, “to know, that’s been
revealed to him, of Him that
sent Me, has everlasting Life,
and will not come into the
Judgment; but is passed from
death unto Life.”

John 8:31-32

³¹ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

³² And ye shall know the truth,
and the truth shall make you
free.

62-1104M — Blasphemous Names

140 And here's, now, get this lesson. Here is what's wrong with the—with the...I turn on for this. Here is what's wrong with the Branham Tabernacle.

You see, there is two different
kinds of faith. There is two
different kinds of virtue, as I
had it the other day. Two
different kinds of knowledge.
Two different kinds of
temperance.

141 One thinks it's prohibition, they got. That ain't the kind of temperance that God is talking about. It's that ungodly, uncontrollable temper you got, and things of that side, sass back, fuss.

142 Patience, and so forth, there's a mockery of it, a pretending to be; a nature-given faith; a nature-given virtue. There's a nature-given temperance. All these things are nature given.

143 And the biggest part of our faith is mental faith. By hearing the Word, it brings us to a mental recognition of God.

144 But if This, coming from
Above, oh, brother, if It ever
strikes this, there is a godly
spiritual faith. Then what does
that faith do? That faith
recognizes only the Word.

No matter what anything else
says, it only recognizes the
Word, because, “In the
beginning was the Word, and
the Word was with God, and
the Word was God.” And the
Word is still God.

“And the Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us.” And
when the Word Itself is
pouring into our faith, our
mental faith becomes a
spiritual revelation.

145 “And upon this foundation
I’ll build My Church.” See? Not
upon a mental conception of
church joining, a mental
conception of That;

but upon the revelation, when
them streams of grace has
poured into that mental faith
that you've got. Then, upon
this, a spiritual revelation, "I'll
build My Church,

and the gates of hell can't
prevail against It.” See? That
shows they would be against
It, but it'll never prevail. Oh,
what a glorious thing!

CAB-09 — 9 - The Laodicean
Church Age

Revelation 3:21, “To him that
overcometh will I grant to sit
with Me in My throne, even as I
also overcame,

and am set down with My
Father in His throne.”

Now what are we to overcome?

That is the normal question to ask here. But that is not the actual thought of this verse for it is not so much **WHAT** we are to overcome but **HOW** we are to overcome.

Now this is logical, for does it
matter much WHAT we are to
overcome as long as we know
HOW we can overcome?

A quick look at those Scriptures which involve the Lord Jesus overcoming will bring out the truth of this proposition.

In Matthew 4, wherein Jesus is tempted of the devil, He overcame the personal temptations of Satan by the Word, and by the Word only.

In each of the three major trials that corresponded exactly to the temptation of the Garden of Eden, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, Jesus overcame by the Word.

Eve fell to the personal
temptation of Satan by failing
to use the Word. Adam fell in
direct disobedience to the
Word. But Jesus overcame by
the Word.

And right now, let me say that
this is the only way to be an
overcomer, also it is the only
way that you can know if you
are overcoming, because that
Word CAN'T fail.

In his own personal life,
contending with Himself, He
overcame by obedience to the
Word of God.

In Hebrews 5:7 it says, “Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him That was able to save Him from death,

and was heard in that He feared;
though He were a Son, yet
learned He obedience by the
things which He suffered;

and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.” What was He obedient to? The Word of God.