

1Jn2:12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

2:13 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

2:14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

2:16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

[from today's sermon].

At the beginning of this chapter, there was this note: "O my children! He began the chapter with these words: "My children, I write these things so that you may not sin. He set a goal for his readers: "I write these things to you so that you may not sin.

In today's passage, "I write to you..." appears six times. I wrote this to you once, and I write it to you now. For many of your sins have been forgiven. For you have known Him who is from the beginning. Because the Word of God has dwelt in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

He repeats the words, "Children, fathers and young people.

For if you know the Creator, who is from the beginning, and His Word dwells in you, many sins will be forgiven you and you will overcome the evil one, For they shall pass away, but in the love of the Father, desire those things which are of the Father, and do the will of God, and the love of the Father will be in him; and if your eyes are right you will enjoy the good things that are of the Father; and the world and those who are in the world will pass away, but he who does the will of God will live forever. The Word of God tells us, "Be on your guard, for you have come to know God, have been forgiven of your sins, and have overcome the evil one through His Word, so keep moving forward in the midst of it.

Good morning everyone. It is another snowy morning. I hope you have been well during the week.

I have been reading 1 John 2.

In verse 1, it says, "My children!

My children. I write these things so that you may not sin.

John's reason for writing this letter. What he wants his readers to realize. This is what he wants his readers to realize: that they will be blameless.

In today's passage, he also said that we will overcome the evil one, the world, the things in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of possessions, and the world and the lusts of the world will pass away. When I think of the "world" here, I am reminded of the words in 2 Corinthians 4, where verse 4 refers to the "god of this world."

2 Corinthians 4:1 Do not be discouraged, for in this way we have received mercy and have entered into this ministry,

4:2 Casting off shameful and hidden things, walking not by craftiness, perverting not the word of God, but revealing the truth, recommending ourselves to God's presence and to the conscience of all men.

4:3 For if our gospel is a covering, it is a covering for those who perish.

4:4 For in their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the brightness of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

4:5 But we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord. We ourselves are only your servants working for Jesus.

4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has illuminated our hearts to reveal the knowledge of the glory of God shining in the face of Christ.

4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels. 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the immeasurable power may be manifested, which is of God, and not of us: for we are not of the world, nor of the Father, nor of the Father, but of God.

4:8 We are afflicted on every side, but we are not afflicted; we are not at a loss, but we are not at a standstill. 4:8 We are not at our wits' end, nor do we come to a standstill.

4:9 Though we be persecuted, we shall not be forsaken; though we be overthrown, we shall not perish. Though we be overthrown, we shall not perish.

4:10 For we have always borne the death of Jesus in our body. 4:11 For the life of Jesus will also appear in him.

4:11 For we who are alive are continually being handed over to death for Jesus' sake. 4:11 For we who live are continually being passed over to death for Jesus, that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal bodies.

4:12 Thus death works in us, and life in you.

4:13 "I have believed; therefore have I spoken. Therefore I have believed; therefore I have spoken," and we believe because we have the same spirit of faith. Therefore we speak.

4:14 For we know that he who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up with him, and will stand with you.

4:15 For all things work together for your good; and as grace multiplyeth more and more, thanksgiving shall abound, and be to the glory of God.

4:16 Therefore we will not be discouraged, for we know that those who are outside of us will not be discouraged. 4:16 Therefore we are not discouraged, for though our outward man perish, our inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For this little tribulation shall work, that we may have an abundance of eternal and exceeding glory.

4:18 We look not at what can be seen, but at what cannot be seen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

In Genesis, God created the world as a wonderful place. But because of man's sin, the earth was cursed, and it became necessary for man to toil to earn his bread.

Genesis 3:17 And it was said to the man, "Because thou hast heard the word of thy wife, and hast eaten from the tree of the knowledge of me, which I commanded thee not to eat, the earth shall be cursed because of thee; and thou shalt take thy food from the earth with pain all the days of thy life.

3:18 The earth shall bring forth for thee thorns and thistles, and thou shalt eat of the herbage of the field.

3:19 Thou shalt eat bread with the sweat of thy face, and shalt return at last to the earth: for thou hast been taken from the earth. Because thou art dust, thou shalt return to the dust.

The fact that the phrase "god of this world" appears when there was originally only the Creator God means that this world is filled with a false kingdom where the wicked reign as kings, where they try to tempt people off course, where the world is painted with lies and hypocrisy, where the world is filled with the devil who tries to tempt people and make them his people. We Christians, needless to say, are not the only ones who are in this world.

Needless to say, we Christians are not inhabitants of this "world. However, the influence of this "world" is strong every day, and we are taught here not to be carried away by it and turn away from God.

There is a groan here. Because of our weakness we waver. And the suffering of birth is with the whole creation.

Romans 7:22 That is, I rejoice in the law of God as an inward man, but I do not rejoice in the law of God as an inward man,

7:23 For I see in my limbs another law, waging war against the law of my mind, and possessing me in the law of sin, which is in my limbs.

7:24 What a wretched man I am! Who will save me from this body of death?

7:25 Shall I give thanks to God through our Lord Jesus Christ? Thus I myself serve the law of God in my heart, but in my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Romans 8:18 I think. For the sufferings of this present time are nothing compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us.

8:19 For indeed the creation longs with eager expectation for the coming of the sons of God.

8:20 For it is not by his own will that the creature has submitted to emptiness, but by him to whom he has been subjected,

8:21 And there remains in the creature itself the hope of being delivered from the bondage of perdition and entering into the glorious freedom of the sons of God.

8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans together and continues to groan and to suffer birth until now.

8:23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan in our hearts, looking forward to the conferring of sonship, that is, to the vindication of the body.

8:24 For by this hope we are saved. But the hope that we see is not hope. For how can anyone hope for what he has already seen?

8:25 If we desire not to see, we wait for it with patience.

8:26 The Spirit likewise helps me in my weakness. For we do not know how to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans of longing that words cannot express.

In the midst of these difficulties and struggles, John tells us not to give up, but to go on without losing hope.

2:12 Children. I write to you because in His name many of your sins have been forgiven.

Your sins are forgiven, children. Do not lament, weak children, saying that you lack strength, experience, or judgment. Do not give up. Your sins are forgiven. You are no longer bound by the noose of sin. You are free to do what comes before your tongue.

Colossians 1:11 And again I pray you, being strengthened with all power that is given to you according to the might of the glory of God, endure and persevere in all things with joy,

1:12 And give thanks to God the Father, who has made you worthy of the privileges of the saints who are in the light.

1:13 For he hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the dominion of his dear Son.

1:14 For by him we have redemption through his Son, the forgiveness of sins.

2:13 I write unto you, Fathers, that ye may know that ye have received the forgiveness of sins.

I write to you because you have known Him who is from the beginning. 2:14 Young men, I write to you because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you because you have overcome the wicked.

Is this the world of the wicked who divide power between God and the wicked? Is the king of this world the devil who has taken power? No, not at all. Fathers, if you experience the world and experience the world, you will know that God is the one who has won the world. O you who have experienced the world, and the more you experience it, the more you are made aware of its evil and negative forces, and the more you give up on what you can achieve by resisting it, and the more you lose the will to do what is right and what is good, to be wrapped up in what is long and to be right. Do you not know the One who has been from the beginning? Was not this the One who made something out of nothing, the One of love who created light, hope, and life? Now that we have come to know Him, we must not give up.

O young people, young people of blood! O you who are full of faith and desire to make the world a shining place of light! I write to you. You have overcome the evil one.

John 16:32 Behold, the time will come when ye shall be scattered, and ye shall return to your own houses, and I will be left alone. No, the time has already come. But I am not alone. The Father is with me.

16:33 I have told you these things so that you may have peace in me. 16:34 And I have spoken

these things unto you, that ye may have peace in me. But take courage. I have already overcome the world.

2:14 Children. I write to you because you have known the Father. 2:14 I write unto you, O fathers, because ye have known the Father. I write to you because you have known Him who is from the beginning. O ye young men! I write to you because you are strong, and the word of God dwells in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

You know your Father, O children; you may be children without strength, but you will be children of God. You may be a child without strength. Then look to God the Father. He is the One who loves you and raises you up, treating you as a child.

Hebrews 12:5 And forgetting these words of exhortation spoken to you as to sons, / "My son, / do not despise the training of the Lord. When the LORD reproveth you, do not be weak, for the LORD is with you.

12:6 He trains whom He loves, and whips every child whom He receives.

12:7 And ye shall endure as a discipline. For God deals with you as with sons. For what son is not trained by his father?

Fathers, have I not written unto thee before? The god of this world is empty. And there is only One who is called God. There is only One who has been from the beginning.

Young people, you are strong in the faith. You are strong in the faith. If you continue to abide in the Word of God, you will overcome the evil one.

John 8:31 Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.

8:32 And ye shall know the truth. 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2:15 Do not love the world and the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of possessions, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

2:17 The world and the lusts of the world pass away. But he who does the will of God abides

forever.

Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters at once. For he hates the one and loves the other, or he loves the one and despises the other. You cannot serve both God and wealth.

16:14 When the covetous Pharisees heard these words, all of them mocked Him.

16:15 Then He said to them, "Ye are those who justify yourselves before men. But God knows your hearts. What is honored among men is abhorred before God.

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters at once. For you hate the one and love the other, or you love the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and wealth.

6:25 Therefore I say to you. 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what shall I eat, or what shall I drink; neither be anxious for your body, what shall I put on? For life is better than food, and the body is better than clothing.

6:26 Look at the birds of the air. They neither sow nor reap, neither do they put them in their storehouses. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. 6:27 Are you not far better than they?

6:27 Who among you can prolong his life even a little because of a thought?

6:28 And why do you trouble yourselves about your clothes? 6:28 And why do you worry about your clothes? They neither work nor spin.

6:29 But I say unto you, that even Solomon, when he was in the height of his glory, was not so clothed as one of these flowers.

6:30 For if God so dresses even the grass of the field, which today grows and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how can He not do you more good? O ye of little faith!

6:31 Therefore do not be troubled, saying, What shall I eat, or what shall I drink, or what shall I put on?

6:32 All these things the Gentiles long for. Your heavenly Father knows that all these things are necessary for you.

6:33 Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be yours. Then all these things will be given to you together.

6:34 Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow. 6:34 Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow itself will be anxious about itself. One day's hardship is enough for one day.

The Bible tells us that success in this world in which we live, money, and what we have, is not everything. Go to a good school, get a good job, start a business, get a high salary and spend

time in a big house. That is winning, and there is rampant worship of money, saying that you are a winner and justified if you become rich, no matter what the means, even if it is a crime, for the sake of money.

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2:17 The world and the lusts of the world shall pass away. But he who does the will of God will live forever.

Those pomp and glory are but a passing mist. They are temporary and will pass away. Put the Kingdom of God first, love the Word, and live in God's will. This is the way we will live forever. We are thankful to be led in this path, love this path, and want to continue on this path.

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the ways of the wicked, who does not stand in the path of sinners, who does not sit on the seat of mockers.

Psalm 1:2 Such a man delights in the ordinances of the LORD; he meditates on them day and night.

1:3 As a tree planted by the stream bears fruit when the time comes, and its leaf does not wither; so shall all his works prosper.

1:4 The wicked are not so; they are like the chaff of the wind that blows away.

1:5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand judgment. 1:5 Therefore the wicked shall not endure judgment: the sinners shall not be able to stand in the girdle of the righteous.

1:6 For the LORD knoweth the ways of the righteous: but the ways of the wicked are perishable. But the way of the wicked shall perish.

Prayer; Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the many blessings, forgiveness, and protection of the Lord that have been poured out for us in the past, now, and in the future. Thank you so much for forgiving us of our many sins, for overcoming the wicked, for making us know God, and for leading us to understand and do His will, which is to free our eyes from those who are fleeting and passing away, so that we can live forever. Please guide all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Please bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.