

The God In Me

(My God Is Greater)

1 John 4:1-6

Verse 4 reads "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

My God is greater! Greater than any circumstance or situation. Greater than any problem or issue. Greater than unemployment or debt. Greater than any doctor's report, diagnosis or prognosis. Greater than any trial you may be facing on today. Greater than any plot, ploy, scheme or device of the enemy! My God is greater!

Who created the heaven and the earth? Who took the earth when it was without form, was void and covered in darkness and spoke light into existence. Who divided the light from the darkness? The God In Me. All by speaking a word! Throughout Genesis Chapter 1, God said, "Let there be" and it was. Psalm 19:1 reads "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork." Not only is the greatness of our God reflected in creation in general; but, it is indeed reflected in our individual lives. "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:5 & 10)

Who came down 42 generations and wrapped himself in sinful flesh just to reconcile me back to him? The God In Me.

In 1 John 4:1-6, we see John warns his readers about false prophets and admonishing them to try or test the spirits for godly authenticity. They who had accepted the trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one) were of God. They who had not accepted this fact were of the spirit of the antichrist. They were unable and incapable of accepting this truth because they did not know God; whereas, his readers had come into the knowledge of this truth and were able to discern between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error, thus having overcome the lies of the false prophets.

Focusing on verse 4, I believe we can extract some foundational truths to encourage us in our daily walk with the Lord.

(Reread Verse 4)

What does it mean to be of God? We are born of God, born of water (natural, physical birth) and of the Spirit (supernatural, spiritual birth). Born again. Amen. Now, I can't begin to explain how an infinite God could dwell in a finite body, but it's so. When we are born again, Christ indwells the believer in the person of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said in John 14:16-17, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

"...Little children" was a term of endearment that John used to show his concern for his readers.

Have overcome them, who? The false prophets represented they that are of the world. Mind you, we as believers are in the world, but not of the world. John has already established the fact that we are of God. So John goes on to say we have overcome them, they that are of the world. Anything or anyone who is not of God is of the world.

Jesus said in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." This makes us overcomers, too! We know this to be true because Romans 8:37 tells us "we are more than conquerors through him that loved us". 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 reads "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

The God In Me showers me with unconditional and unfailing love.
The God In Me strengthens me and upholds me with the right hand of his righteousness.
The God In Me speaks peace to my mind and to my spirit.
The God In Me is a nerve calmer, a mind regulator, a heart fixer.
The God In Me comforts me, sustains me, intercedes for me.

I'm able to do what I do because of the God in me, even in the face of adversity and opposition. The God In Me won't let me quit. The God In Me won't allow me to throw in the towel. The God In Me won't let me give up. The God In Me encourages me, pushes me and reassures me that I can and will make it.

The enemy only has limited power. The God In Me has all power. How do we know this? Well, it was proven in the instance when Satan was granted permission by God to afflict Job after being recommended by God (I might add). The limitation--Satan could touch everything but Job's life. That's how I know Satan's limited in what he can do. My God is Greater!

And because I know that The God In Me (My God) is greater, I can recognize the lies of the enemy that attempt to derail my future and block my divine destiny. While the enemy is busy talking, the God In Me is steadily reinforcing his plan and purpose for our lives. Listen to the greater one!

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