

HAVE TRUST - I OVERCAME THE WORLD

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(John 16:33)

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[Scripture Explanations - ScX.01_035,01] **“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)**

[02] This text can also be classed as being transparent and everybody is able to grasp its spiritual meaning from the very beginning. So I intend to explain the sense of this text in few words and you will then see the absolutely correct spiritual meaning of this text in these few words; so listen!

[03] Everything that I say to you now is of the same kind of teachings that, if you even to some extent follow and act upon them, it shall give you total and true peace of mind through love of Me in every situation of your life.

[04] The world is trying to exert pressure on you from all sides; but it can't because I have overcome it. If you have Me in you through your love, then you have the eternal conqueror of the world in you. The world has experienced My power and so it cannot and may not touch a single hair on the head of those who hold My true peace in their hearts.

[05] However, as soon as someone wants to lift himself out of this peace and throw down the gauntlet to the world, he then only has himself to blame when he is taken hostage by the world and abused. But he who really remains in My peace will be safe for eternity and no world breeze will ever be able to touch him.

[06] Of course some will say here: “O Lord! Look, the Apostles, Your disciples, many of the first Christians and in later times the many avid disputers of the gospel have become martyrs, and the world took revenge on these people filled with Your peace in the most despicable and horrible way. Why, o Lord, did Your peace not protect them from the claws of the world? You spoke Yourself of Your suffering brought on by the ruler of the world. What could the sentenced man have done to fill the world so terribly with so much anger against Your peace-bearers?”

[07] This question is vain enough and he who is even halfway proficient in history will clearly see that all martyrs, from the apostles to later times, went to their death not through any kind of pressure or commandment from Me. They did it out of their heroic love because I Myself, their Lord, was crucified.

[08] I tell you: each martyr could just have spread My Word without becoming a martyr. But the propagators knew Me, could see eternal life before their very eyes and as such they didn't particularly want to hang around long on Earth. Indeed they could hardly wait for the moment when their flesh would be taken from them so that they could then reach where I have gone on ahead.

[09] But John loved Me the most, and so did not shy away from the world's persecution, preferring to consume it up to the very last drop as if he would have somehow wheedled something out of Me from his determined life time on Earth. And so he was completely happy with My order, whereas many others were beggars preferring to suffer the most ignominious martyrdom rather than to go through several more years for My kingdom.

[10] But as everyone can have from Me what he asks for seriously and in good faith, I could not with these first witnesses go back on My word that says, "Whatever you ask of Me, I shall give it to you!"

[11] It is clear to see from this example that My Word needed no martyr. I have of course promised the one true eternal witness, My Holy Spirit, to all those who listen and follow My teachings. This witness remains, whereas the blood of the first martyrs has even become lost in the annals of time.

[12] But if this spirit is an eternal witness, why should I ask My successors for martyrdom? He who wants to become a martyr should do so; but nobody should think to do Me a service by that. Somebody who does this does it for himself but not for My benefit!

[13] It's like a father says to his children whose clothes are still good, "I shall give you wonderful new clothes if you wear these ones out first!" However several children are tempted by the offer of new clothes and do not look after their old clothes anymore. When the clothes have been sufficiently worn out, the father gets them what he has promised. Several children though, who love their father more than the clothes take care of their old ones so that their father does not incur undue expense.

[14] Although there can be no question of such expenses for Me, other expenses must be taken into consideration i.e. managing disorderliness. I have given each person from My order a specific goal in life and this does not consist in a sword or in fire; death by sword or fire is a mess. But whoever anticipates My order wilfully and arbitrarily has to then of course suffer a small mess insofar as he has anticipated My order that has been laid down.

[15] Daniel didn't want to die and so he was sent to the lion's den, just like the young boys in the furnace and many other examples. And look, not a hair was touched on their heads, just like the many thousands of people who love Me, because they had the uncorrupted power of My peace in their hearts. But he who wants to steer away from this peace then has to taste the strife of the world.

[16] One might also say here, "If this is so, then it is surely for the best to leave the world to its nefarious devices and better people should continue to live in peace, oblivious to the world. And if everybody should do so, wouldn't the world soon be filled to the stars with horror?"

[17] Ok, I say, let's work back from this! Since the time of the Apostles there has surely been a great many zealots who wanted to better the world somewhat with a glowing sword in their hand. Rivers of blood were spilled. Ask yourselves what this achieved? Then take a look at the world and you shall see the answer, as clear as daylight, coming from every angle.

[18] Right up to your time, this great number of zealots has left behind a legacy saying that because of him the world ought to be a paradise. Nevertheless the world now is ten times worse than it was in Noah's time!

[19] Why then did David say, “O Lord, how all humans are nothing compared to You and all human help is of no use!”? David said this because he knew Me. You talk differently though because you do not know Me like David did!

[20] Perhaps you think I do not know what the world is doing and that I am too half-hearted to castigate the world for all its crimes? I tell you: believe something else and let Me lead the world!

[21] He who lives by the sword, dies by the sword. Nobody will be able to cast judgement on the world with blatant violence. The world meets violence with violence, and this is how one nation forever suffocates another.

[22] Whoever wants to fight the world must use secret weapons. These weapons are My love and My peace in you! But first you must defeat the world in yourself with these weapons. Only then will you be able to use the weapons victoriously against the rest of the world.

[23] It is true that whoever is not a master of the world internally will it be even less externally! Anyone who still feels even the slightest trace of ardent zeal is not yet done with his own world, because this zeal still stems from the **secret fight** between My peace and the world in man.

[24] For it is the world that strives, judges and calls fire from heaven to mask itself cunningly for My cause. However, My spirit and My peace do not agitate, but instead take effect quietly, unnoticed by the world, carry the acts of love as its badge and humility in its emergence. Not since My John has somebody, to the best of My knowledge, been sentenced by the world due to true love and humility.

[25] You see, true inner peace consists in this and those powerful victories over the world that I myself have championed. So listen to this explanation and you will always and forever triumph over the world in My name and in My peace!

Amen.

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