

Title: **"YOU HAVE OVERCOME THE WICKED ONE"**

Text: **1 John 2**

**(I) REFERENCE TO THE WICKED ONE**

**1. He is called "The wicked one" (1 John 3:12)**

- a) Innately wicked
- b) Evidenced by wicked deeds

**2. He is also called "the Devil" (1 John 3:8)**

- a) The accuser
- b) The slanderer

**(II) DEEDS OF THE WICKED ONE**

**1. The Antichrist who will come in the last hour (1 John 2:18a)**

**2. The many antichrists that are already in the world (1 John 2:18b)**

**3. He sinned from the beginning (1 John 3:8)**

**4. He causes people to sin (1 John 3:8)**

**5. He uses deception (1 John 3:7a)**

**6. He promotes error (1 John 5:6c)**

**7. He has the world in his sway (1 John 5:19)**

**(III) OVERCOMING THE WICKED ONE**

**1. A Fact made possible by God**

*"I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one" 1 John 2:13c*

**2. A Reality that is linked with the Word of God**

*"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." 1 John 2:14b*

- a) Strength to overcome

b) Strength from the Word of God

**(IV) REMAINING STRONG IN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE WICKED ONE**

**1. Abiding**

- a) In Christ (**1 John 2:1-2, 24**)
- b) Keeping of the word of God (**1 John 2:5, 17, 28**)
- c) In the light (**1 John 2:10**)

**2. Anointing**

- a) Of the Spirit of God (**1 John 2:20a**)
- b) Knowledge of the Truth (**1 John 2:20b, 21, 27**)