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To recap: You raised again, and now you are part of God's family. A son, however, it is His will that you are not take out of the world "I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that they deliver you from evil" (John 17:15). Before this world, the order of Christ is clear: be of good cheer, I have overcome the world! (John 16:36).

We know that "God so loved the world that he sent his only-begotten Son..." (John 3:16), so that everyone who believed in Christ would not perish and obtain eternal life. What world did God love? God loved humankind, that is, God loved all men born of Adam without distinction (humanity = world).

You were one of the people that God loved so much, and Christ was delivered so that you would not perish, as this would be the end of humanity, because of Adam's corruptible seed.

Now, because you are in Christ, you are no longer part of the humanity that is lost "They are not of the world, as I am not of the world" (John 17:16). God loved all men, those who believed were created again as spiritual men, and they ceased to belong to the world of Adam.

You believed, you were born again and you became a participant

in the nature and} family of God.} You stopped being the son of Adam and became the son of God in Christ (the last Adam), a spiritual man.

Christ, before being crucified, prayed to the Father saying: "I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but to keep them from evil" (John 17:15). That is, Jesus was about to be taken out of this world, but those who believed in him would not be taken out of this world. This shows that, although you have not yet been taken out of this world, you no longer belong to it (the world).

You are God's exclusive property, sealed with the promised Holy Spirit: "... Which is the guarantee of our inheritance, for redemption of God's property, in praise of his glory" (Eph 1:14).

Although you have not yet been taken out of the world, you have already escaped the corruption in it.

"For which he has given us great and precious promises, so that by them you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption, which through lust is in the world" (2Pe 1: 4).

Always remembering "... that we are of God, and that the world lies in the evil one" (1 John 5:19).

Jesus asked the Father not to be taken out of the world and to be kept free from evil. In this way, trust also that it is Jesus who keeps you untouched from the evil one (1 John 5:18).

Jesus overcame the world and you are a participant in this victory. However, this does not mean that while you are in this world you are immune to afflictions "I have told you this, that you may have peace in me; in the world you will have afflictions, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Good cheer is an order of Christ and this must be one of the characteristics of those who believe in Him. Those who believe in Christ should not be disturbed when they encounter problems in this life (John 14: 1). The afflictions of this world are certain, however, they are nowhere near comparable to the glory of the world to come, in which you are a participant.

You overcame the world when you belonged to God's family "Little children, you are of God, and you have already overcome them; for greater is what is in you than what is in the world" (1 John 4: 4).

You are more than a winner for the one who loved you (Rom. 8:37)!

However, there is an alert message: "Do not love the world or the world..." (1 John 2:15). We know that Christ is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world; whoever accepts Him is because He loves Him and loves the one who generated Him.

Whoever believes in Christ does the will of God, is the same as loving God. Whoever loves God does not love the world and does not belong to the world, that is, because he has done the will of God, which is to believe in the one He sent, you do not love the world. However, for those who do not love the world (those who believe in Christ), it remains to not love what is in the world.

In order not to love what is in the world you must follow the Apostle Paul's recommendation: "And those who use this world, as if they did not abuse it, because the appearance of this world passes away" (1Co 7:31). "Now the world is passing by, and its lust..." (1 John 2:17), but you will remain forever with Christ.

When you were born of God, you conquered the world and began to live in the spirit. Therefore, he who lives in the spirit (gospel), must also walk in the spirit "For everyone who is

born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith" (1 John 5: 4).

You have faith (rest) in God, and because of this, you have already overcome the world. Such a victory was granted through the gospel of Christ, the faith that overcomes the world. Now, it remains for you to walk among men in a way worthy of the vocation you have been called. That is, do not walk (behave) any more as other Gentiles do, committing all sorts of dissolution and shamelessness (Eph 4: 1, 17).