

## **“Overcoming Temptation”**

**James 1:13-18**

- I. We should expect temptation

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” (I Corinthians 10:13)

- II. We should understand the nature of temptation

- A. God is not the source of temptation

- B. God is never tempted by evil

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you; God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.” (I John 1:5)

- III. We should understand the process of temptation

- A. It begins with evil desire within us

“Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.” (Psalm 51:5)

- B. It involves deception

“For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death.” Romans 7:11)

- C. It is encouraged by willful design

- D. It give birth to sin through disobedience

- E. It results in death

“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 6:23)

- IV. We should understand the goodness of God

- A. God is the source of every good gift

- B. God is the unchangeable holy God

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

- C. God is the source of eternal life

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace that you are saved.” (Ephesians 2:4-5)

- D. God is the one who makes us holy

“Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.” (2 Peter 1:4)

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.” (Ephesians 1:4)