Victory Circles

You will observe that John's thinking seems to go in circles.

These circles are very wonderful.

They are the opposite of those "vicious circles" that often we get caught up in.

John's circles are positive and powerful.

We could call them "victory circles".

The vicious circles are of the devil.

The victory circles are of the truth and light of God.

The circle shown below is an example, using themes from First John.

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FAITH

Lesson 3 in First John

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In this lesson, we examine what John says about faith.

John emphasizes two important characteristics of Christians who have true faith:

They have confidence, assurance, boldness, fearlessness, and know for certain what they believe is absolutely true.

They are obedient to the commandments of God and they don't practise sin but righteousness and purity.

1. Faith is the victory

"This is the victory that overcomes the world --our faith. And who is the one who overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1Jn 5:4-5).

By "the world" John means all that is godless (1Jn 2:15-17; 4:3-6).