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Title of Your Report

James Baldwin concludes his essay by arguing that to overcome prejudice, “one would have to hold in the mind forever two ideas which seemed to be in opposition”

“The first idea was acceptance, the acceptance, totally without rancor, of life as it is, and men as they are: in the light of this idea, it goes without saying that injustice is a commonplace. But this did not mean that one could be complacent.” in other words you have to accept life as it is good and the bad. Life and death. Happiness and sadness because if you live your life scared of death it will stop you from creating your own experiences and you will rely on other people's opinions. If you live your life in sadness you're not actually living life and so there for your view of life wouldn't be accurate because your experiences would be limited because of the mindset that you are stuck in but if you live your life in happiness it will give you a better view more experiences and all but you will still be limited. So if you accept life for the good and the bad you would most likely be able to overcome prejudice.

“The second idea was of equal power: that one must never, in one's own life, accept these injustices as commonplace but must fight them with all one's strength. This fight began, however, in the heart and it now had been laid to my charge to keep my own heart free of hatred and despair. This intimation made my heart heavy and, now that my father was irrecoverable, I wished that he had been beside me so that I could have searched his face for the answers which only the future would give me now.” you need to first look at the person in the mirror and fix

everything within yourself. It is not until then where you can look out into the world and fight for what you believe in. If you have hatred in your own heart, how can you allow it to fix and heal someone else's heart.

Overcoming Prejudice starts within yourself. In both of these reasonings, it all begins with you. You have to change the way that you think and feel towards things and you have to heal yourself before you can heal a world that's also in pain.