

## Faith in the Son of God - 1 John 5:1-12

### Reflection Questions

A. What makes a person's testimony seem credible or incredible?

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B. How do you demonstrate love for your parents?

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### Scripture (1 John 5:1-12 NKJV)

<sup>1</sup>Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness because the Spirit is truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. <sup>8</sup>And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. <sup>10</sup>He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

### Key Terms

Believe	Faith	Overcome
Believers	Fellowship	Testimony
Begot(ten)	God	Truth
Burdensome	Jesus Christ	Victory
Commandments	Life	Witness(ing)
Children	Love	World
Eternal Life	Obedience	

## **Lesson Outline**

### **I. Identity of Christ**

### **II. Implementation of His Commands**

### **III. Indisputable Certainty of Christ**

### **IV. Invaluable Confession in Christ**

## **Exploring the Text**

1. Who is born of God? (5:1)

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2. What can be said about the person who loves the Father? (5:1)

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3. How can a person know if he or she loves God's people? (5:2)

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4. What is love for God? (5:2)

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5. What unique quality do God's commands have? Why is this true? (5:3-4)

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6. Who overcomes the world? (5:4-5)

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7. How can we overcome the world? (5:4-5)

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8. How did Jesus Christ come? (5:6)

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9. Why does the Spirit testify? (5:6)

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10. What three things are in agreement? (5:7-8)

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11. Why is God's testimony greater than man's testimony? (5:9)

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12. Who has made God out to be a liar? (5:10)

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13. What testimony has God given concerning His Son? (5:10-11)

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14. What do we have if we have Christ in us? (5:12)

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**Understanding the Text**

15. What does it mean to be born of God?

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16. How can we know that we are born of God?

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17. How do you know that you are a child of God?

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18. What are the commands of God that you struggle to obey?

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19. In what way should we love the children of God?

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20. When have you thought that God's commands were burdensome?

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21. What does it mean to overcome the world?

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22. How have you overcome the world?

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23. What is your relationship to the Son?

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24. How can a person receive eternal life?

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**Life Application Questions**

25. How will you demonstrate your love for the Father today?

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26. What steps do you need to take in order to be certain you are a child of God?

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Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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**5** Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

<sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

<sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

<sup>4</sup>For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

<sup>5</sup>Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth

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New King James Version

**5** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—<sup>[a]</sup>our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that bear witness <sup>[b]</sup>in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three

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New International Version

**5** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the <sup>[a]</sup>Spirit, the water and the blood; and the

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**5** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ<sup>[a]</sup> has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. <sup>2</sup>We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. <sup>5</sup>And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup>And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross<sup>[b]</sup>—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. <sup>7</sup>So we have these three witnesses<sup>[c]</sup>—<sup>8</sup>the

witness, because the Spirit is truth.

<sup>7</sup> For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

<sup>8</sup> And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

<sup>9</sup> If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

<sup>10</sup> He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

<sup>11</sup> And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

<sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

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are one. <sup>8</sup> And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

<sup>9</sup> If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of <sup>[d]</sup>God which He has testified of His Son. <sup>10</sup> He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has <sup>[d]</sup>life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**Footnotes**

- a. 1 John 5:4 M *your*
- b. 1 John 5:7 NU, M omit the words from *in heaven* (v. 7) through *on earth* (v. 8). Only 4 or 5 very late mss. contain these words in Greek.

three are in agreement. <sup>9</sup> We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**Footnotes**

- a. 1 John 5:8 Late manuscripts of the Vulgate *testify in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one.* <sup>8</sup> *And there are three that testify on earth: the* (not found in any Greek manuscript before the fourteenth century)
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Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree. <sup>9</sup> Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. <sup>10</sup> All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

**Footnotes**

- a. 5:1 Or *the Messiah.*
- b. 5:6 Greek *This is he who came by water and blood.*
- c. 5:7 A few very late manuscripts add *in heaven—the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And we have three witnesses on earth.*

	<p>c. <u>1 John 5:9</u> NU <i>God, that</i></p> <p>d. <u>1 John 5:12</u> Or <i>the life</i></p> <p><b><u>New King James Version (NKJV)</u></b>  Scripture taken from the New King James Version®.  Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission.  All rights reserved.</p>	<p>Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV® Copyright ©1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by <u>Biblica, Inc.®</u> Used by permission.  All rights reserved worldwide.</p>	<p><b><u>New Living Translation (NLT)</u></b>  <i>Holy Bible</i>, New Living Translation, copyright © 1996, 2004, 2015 by Tyndale House Foundation. Used by permission of <u>Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.</u>, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188. All rights reserved.</p>
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