



Lesson 5: 1 John 5

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands.

And his commands are not burdensome,

⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world.

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world?

Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ 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.

⁷ For there are three that testify:

⁸ the Spirit,

the water and the blood;

and the three are in agreement.

⁹ We accept human testimony,

but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ And this is the testimony:

God has given us eternal life,



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and this life is in his Son.

¹² Whoever has the Son has life;

whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God:

that if we ask anything according to his will,

he hears us.

¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

¹⁶ If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life.

I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death.

There is a sin that leads to death.

I am not saying that you should pray about that.

¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin,

and there is sin that does not lead to death.

¹⁸ We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin;

the One who was born of God keeps them safe,

and the evil one cannot harm them.

¹⁹ We know that we are children of God,

and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

²⁰ We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true.

And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ.

He is the true God and eternal life.

²¹ Dear children,

keep yourselves from idols.



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LOOK at the Text

1. 5 W's & H (Who, What, Where, When, Why, How)

- Who are the main characters in this passage? List everything we learn about the individuals or groups.
 - Jesus Christ
 - God the Father
 - You (the recipients)
 - We /us (believers)
 - The Spirit



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In this chapter, rather than focus on testing and proof, John defines some terms and ideas.

- What (according to 1 John 5)...
 - Is love for God?

 - Is victory over the world?

 - Is the testimony of God?

 - Is the confidence we have in approaching God?

 - What does this mean?



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- What do we KNOW, according to this chapter (there are 8 - 10 things that John tells us we know!)

- What is a sin that leads to death?

- What is a sin that does not lead to death?
 - Record your initial thoughts here and we'll continue to explore this idea throughout the Whole Bible Connections and in our teaching time.

- What are the commands in this text?

- What words are repeated throughout these verses? When anyone repeats words or phrases they generally want you to pay attention to these ideas!



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- Where does the evil one have control?
 - What does this mean?

- Why does John write these things to the recipients?

- Why did the Son of God come?

- Why does John end this letter the way he does? (The answer is not in the text! What do you think?)

- How should we approach God?



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2. **LEARN** from God's Word

Whole Bible Connections - Look up the following verses from other parts of scripture and note how they relate to 1 John 5. What do they affirm about what John is saying in this chapter?

- 1 John 5:1-5 focuses on overcoming the world. What do other scripture passages teach about this idea?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (read the whole section for context and then focus on v 57)

 - Ephesians 6:10-20 (read the whole section for context and then focus on v 16)

 - Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 25-29; 3:5-6, 11-13, 21-22 all talk about conquering or overcoming or being victorious (depending on which translation you read!). List all the things listed in these pages that will be given to those who overcome.



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- 1 John 5:6-12 focuses on the testimony regarding Jesus.
 - Read Deuteronomy 19:15-21. Why do you think John speaks of multiple people & 'things' testifying to the truth of who Jesus is?

 - Read John 1:32-34. What is testimony of the water?

 - Read John 19:31-37. What is the testimony of the blood?

 - Read Acts 5:27-32. What is the testimony of the Spirit?



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- What do we know about praying for sins that do not lead to death, and sins that lead to death? We'll talk more about this in our teaching time, but look up these passages to see what you learn.
 - Job 42:7-9

 - Jeremiah 7:1-20 (especially 16-20)

 - Hebrews 10:26-31

- Based on these passages, what do you think are the differences between the 2 types of sin?



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3. LIVE in light of the Text

- What is God saying to us in this passage about His purpose for our lives?

- How do the main ideas in this passage strengthen or challenge me to repent and change?
 - My Head - thoughts; beliefs; frameworks

 - My Heart - desires; emotions

 - My Hands - behaviours; deeds

- How should these main ideas influence and change my prayers?
 - Adoration - What can I praise and thank God for?

 - Confession - What do I need to repent of?

 - Supplication - What will I ask God for?