

FAITH THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD

1 John 5:1-21

Key Verse: 5:4b-5

1. What characterizes one who believes that Jesus is the Christ (1-3a)? What is the evidence of loving God? How is believing in Jesus related to loving one another? In what respect are God's commands not burdensome (3b-4a)?
2. Who can overcome the world (4b-5)? Why is it so important to believe that Jesus is the Son of God? What does it mean to "overcome the world"?
3. On what basis can we believe that Jesus is the Son of God (6-8)? How do "the Spirit, the water and the blood" testify about Jesus? Why should we believe God's testimony (9-12)?
4. What assurance does John help believers to have, and why is this important (13)? What further assurance do believers have (14-15)? Why do believers need this assurance?
5. What spiritual discernment is needed in praying for others (16-17)? What do we know and in what respects is this foundational to Christian life (18-20)? What does it mean to "keep yourself from idols" (21)?