

# 1 John 5:1-12

The Evidence that Our Faith in Christ Overcomes the World

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
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## Outline

1 John 5:1-5 **Overcoming the world by faith**  
 1 John 5:6-12 **The Evidence for God's Son**

- A. Who believes Jesus is the Christ (5:1a)
  - B. Is born of God (5:1b)
    - C. Loves believers: Love God (5:1c-2a)
    - C. Loves God: Obedience (5:2b-3)
  - B. Is born of God (5:4)
- A. Who believes Jesus is the Son of God (5:5)

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
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## Those Born of God Trust In Jesus

1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.

Believes = Presently, Ongoing  
 Born of God = Completed action in the past

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### Evidence of Being Born Again

1 John 5:2-3 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

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### We Overcome By Faith In Christ

1 John 5:4-5 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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### Overcoming In Revelation

Rev 2:11 He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.

Rev 2:26 He who overcomes...To him I will give authority over the nations.

Rev 3:5 He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life...

Rev 21:7 He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

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## God's Testimony Of His Son

1 John 5:6 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

### Three Primary Interpretations

1. Water and blood refer to baptism/communion
2. Spear thrust brought blood and water
3. Water and blood refer to terminal points in Jesus' earthly ministry

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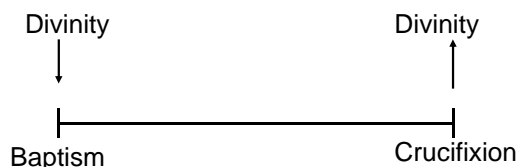
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## John Refutes False Teachers

**Cerinthus and Followers Claim Divine Spirit Left Prior To Crucifixion:**



1 John 5:6b ...not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood

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## God's Testimony Of His Son

1 John 5:7-9 For there are three who testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that **He has testified** concerning His Son.

Deuteronomy 19:15 A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

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### All Who Believe This Testimony Will Live

1 John 5:10-12 The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

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### Application

1. We must believe that saving faith and obedience "go hand in hand."
2. We must believe God's testimony regarding His Son in order to be saved.
3. We must believe in the real Christ in order to be saved.

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### 1. Faith and Obedience

**Romans 4:3**

Genesis 15:6  
Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.

**James 2:21**

Genesis 22:9-18  
Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

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### 1. Faith and Obedience

Deuteronomy 27:9-10 Then Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, "Be silent and listen, O Israel! This day you have become a people for the LORD your God. You shall therefore obey the LORD your God, and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."

Ephesians 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

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### 2. We Must Believe God's Testimony

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me.

Romans 3:21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the prophets...

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### 3. We Must Believe In The Real Christ

2 Corinthians 11:3a, 4 For I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray...For if one comes and preaches a another Jesus whom we have not preached...you bear this beautifully.

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

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