

1 John 5:1-12

One Point: Faith creates overcomers

1. What's your favorite overcomer story? (book, movie, person, etc.)
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Read v. 1-5

1. What does it mean to overcome the world?
 2. What gives us our victory? How easy is it to live in victory, considering all the obstacles we face in this world? **John 16:33**
 3. **Read Galatians 5:6** - How does our faith express itself through love?
 4. How is it possible to joyfully obey God's commands when sometimes they seem painful or costly for you? **Wiersbe** – The world appeals to our old nature and tries to make God's commandments burdensome.
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Read v. 6-9

1. How does the baptism (water) and death (blood) of Christ also “testify” as to the identity of the Son of God (Matt 27:54) – what does this have to do with our faith? **John 15:26**
 2. What is the difference between saving faith and intellectual belief?
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Read v. 10-12

1. Why does having the “Son of God” matter to having life? **John 10:10, John 14:6**
 2. Would you describe most of the Christians you know as “victorious overcomers?” Why or why not?
 3. In what area of your life do you not feel as if you are “overcoming” but want to?
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What I will be talking about

John is saying that an overcomer trusts that God is telling the truth about Jesus. When we believe that John tells us this, we have the life of an overcomer. This person knows the abundant life we have because of Christ's sacrifice. (John 10:10 Jesus says he has come so that we may have an abundant life) We not only have eternal life but we have a life that is led by God. A life that helps us overcome our fears, a life that helps us overcome temptation, a life that overcomes the enemy, a life that overcomes death. This is a life that creates joy, peace, dreams, a love for others, help during the junk of our life, a community of people who also love us.

We need to live life as overcomers. Jesus died for us to be overcomers...