



# 1 John 5:1-12 – Faith that Overcomes.

BILLDUMPHY

| Week of April 14th, 2019

What we believe has dramatic effects on how we live, decisions we make, how we treat people, where we put our hope, and our actual outlook on life. If you truly believe something passionately, you will pursue it with all you are and overcome obstacles that get in your way.

**Baseline Questions to ponder:** [1] What do you actually believe about Jesus Christ?:

[2] If you do profess belief in Jesus as your Lord and savior, how has this impacted your life?

## SERMON TEXT // 1 John 5:1-12 English Standard Version

**1**Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. **2**By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3**For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. **4**For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5**Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

**6**This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. **7**For there are three that testify: **8**the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. **9**If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. **10**Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. **11**And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, 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. (ESV)

## SERMON OUTLINE //

1. Faith that Overcomes (v.1-5)
  - You can't truly love God unless believe that Jesus is the Messiah. (v.1)
  - You can't truly love God unless you love your brother. (v.2-3)
  - Our faith is an overcoming faith, not a defeated faith. (v.4-5)
2. Faith that Receives (v.6-12)
  - We have received a faith that points to the eternal life offered in Christ.
  - Romans 8:31-39

What we believe about the person and work of Jesus Christ is the difference between saving faith and empty faith. The faith we have in Jesus is both a faith that overcomes and a faith that receives the rich blessing offered in the full Person of our sovereign God.



## Discussion Questions - Faith that Overcomes.

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### Question 1

*What was something you wrote down or a truth that resonated with you from listening to the sermon, looking at the overview, or even in reading this particular text in 1<sup>st</sup> John 5?*

### Question 2

John clearly lays out two truths about our faith: our faith overcomes and our faith receives. The truth that our faith receives points to all that we have been given in the faith we have in Jesus. That faith allows us to overcome any number of things this world might bring our way. **Can you think of something specific God has enabled you to overcome through the faith He has given you?** Briefly share – and please consider the room and what you would share.

### Question 3

Our faith is spurred on by both love for God and love for His commands. **Do you personally consider obedience a joy or a burden? What can you do to make it more of a joy to serve God through obeying His commands?** Discuss your thoughts – feel free to be open and honest. Chances are others may experience the same feelings as you do on this subject.

### Question 4

Obeying God's commands is not always as easy as loving God Himself. **What commands do you find the most challenging to obey with joy? Which do you find to be the easiest? How does seeking joy in obedience of all of these commands help grow us and our love for God and others?** Share briefly with the group a couple thoughts.