

**Love Your Neighbor**  
**Life in the Son, 1 John 5**  
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**Living the dream...**

**We may be alive—breathing, but we may not be experiencing the life God designed us for and which he wants to offer us now. This life only comes to us through an encounter with Jesus, the living Son of God.**

**John's BIG Idea:** The man Jesus was the divine Christ/Messiah. He came to escort us into the eternal age *now* which he inaugurated with his coming as God in the flesh on earth. We enter this life *now* when we believe and trust in Jesus. This new, eternal life is marked by obeying God and loving each other—now.

**GOD's Story – Life in the Son, 1 John 5**

**1. Overcoming the world by obedient faith... (5:1-5)**

- God's commands are not burdensome...
  - Written on our hearts... Jeremiah 31:33
  - "My yoke is easy..." Matthew 11:28-30

**2. The Testimony about the identity of Jesus (5:6-10)**

**3. Life of the eternal age in the Son (5:11-13)**

**4. Confidence in approaching God in prayer (5:14-17)**

- According to his will—whatever we ask...
- For a bro or sis who sins...
  - Abe & Abimelech, Genesis 20:7,17
  - Job's Friends, Job 42:8-9
  - Eli's Sons, 1 Samuel 2:22-25

**5. (slide-ref only) Safely in the Son, Jesus Christ, the true God (5:18-21)**

- John's parting word: "Keep yourselves from idols." Why idols?

**"Dear children, keep yourselves from idols."**  
**Who or what are you really worshipping?**  
**Do you have the Son? Do you have the *life* he wants to give you?**

**Right On!**