



Sermon Series: 1 John: Testing the Pulse of Your Faith Part 5

Sermon Title: The Results Are In

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1 John 5: 1-15

Wouldn't it be great if every time you stepped into a competition, you knew you were going to win? That is exactly what this passage is about.

BIG IDEA: THE RESULTS ARE IN: IN CHRIST WE HAVE VICTORY.

BECAUSE We have a:

1. Victorious Faith.

1 John 5:1-5

Throughout the epistle, John has written to identify the true children of God from those whose faith is counterfeit. John says that the Christian's obedience is such that it is victorious over the world.

Our faith should be defined by obedience rather than sin. Remember, pursuit, not perfection.

We must take up our cross daily and follow Him. When we fall, we must confess our sins, knowing that He is "faithful and just and will forgive our sins," and move on with a mind to run after Him.

We can only do this if we have been born of God if we have been born again and given a new life that the Holy Spirit empowers through faith and trust in Christ.

2. Victorious Savior.

1 John 5:6-12

John says that Jesus is the One "who came by water and blood...not...by water only, but by water and blood."

When he referred to water and blood, he spoke to Jesus' Incarnation – the reality that God came to the earth in the flesh.

Many false teachers of his day acknowledged Jesus as the Savior, but they denied His human existence. They believed that at His baptism, Jesus received the Holy Spirit, but it left Him before His death. However, John was saying that it was the same Jesus that was baptized who was crucified.

John says, “don’t take my word for it,” there were three witnesses to this fact: **the Spirit, the water, and the blood.**

In verse 9, John shows them the foolishness of the fact that they were accepting man’s testimony while God had already given testimony through Jesus’ baptism and crucifixion. The Spirit bore witness in Jesus’ baptism by coming down from heaven as a dove and remaining on Him (John 1:32). At Jesus’ death on the cross, the “blood and water” that flowed from His side bore witness as well. But here, in verse 6, the present tense of the verb indicates that John wants to show that the Spirit **continues** in His witness to believers.

As verse 10 states, we know this to be true because the Spirit witnesses to us through the Word of God in which Jesus’ baptism and death are retold. We have this witness of the Spirit in our hearts, but those who don’t have faith do not.

3. Victorious Assurance.

1 John 5:13-15

The first thing John has to say is that as a believer, as a follower of Christ, you can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life. You don’t have to be afraid of losing your salvation when you sin.

John wants the believer to understand their privilege of relationship with God through faith. He says that we can confidently approach God, and when we ask for things according to His will, He hears us.

John says that if He hears us, we can be confident that He will give us what we have asked of Him. John is saying that when we pray according to God’s will, that is, when our hearts desire what He desires, we can be confident that the things we have prayed for will take place.

And we can be confident in His will over ours because He is the very Son of God, and because of this, He gives us Blessed Assurance in Victory.

Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- How do you know when you are praying according to God's will? Describe a time when you have prayed according to God's will, and He answered.
- John says *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.* How would you counsel a Christian who struggles with having the assurance of eternal life?
- What does it mean for a Christian to be victorious over the world?
- Explain what John means when he writes in verse 7, *there were three witnesses to this fact: the Spirit, the water, and the blood.*
- Why is it crucial to know that Jesus came by water and blood?