

Faith wins the Victory

1 John 5:1-5

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:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ, the incarnate begotten Son of God, loves the Father and esteems the Son with equal affection. Everyone who loves the parent loves the child as well.



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:2 In this knowing [of mankind's cogenesis revealed in the Christ-incarnation,] we love the children of God with the same love that we have discovered in God; we treasure the conclusion of his prophetic purpose with affection.

:3 For the love of God is realized in the way we evaluate his precepts; if love's triumph is the conclusion of every prophetic pointer, how can this be interpreted as an unbearable burden?

1 John 5:3

"When we obey God by faith, we are also counting on His ability to change us and enable us to obey. John has emphasized in this letter the need for us to abide in God. This is our first obedience--to confess our own inability to be the children of God on our own strength, to be healed and made whole by our own wills. To abide in God is to count on Him to give us our identities and our lives, to be able to separate us more and more from the sin that destroys us and to truly make us His beloved children.

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When we abide in Christ we hand Him everything and allow Him to transform us. It is a burden to consider trying to love someone I fear or dislike. But it is not a burden to hand this fear or hate to God and wait on Him to do what I can not do myself--transform this fear and hate to love. Then, I can always begin to act out of confidence that He will be at work and enable me to become more loving."

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: 4 Whatever is born of God is destined to triumph over the world system. Our faith celebrates a victory that is already accomplished!

:5 This is the ultimate victory: the certainty that the human Jesus is the divine Son of God;



Summary

It may seem at times that we are burdened and overcome by our life here on earth, but God knows better and He is able to take our circumstances and give us His life and peace in the midst of them. Whatever we have today to give Him, even if it is only repentance and fear, let us by His Spirit hand it over to Him, abide in and wait on Him to transform our lives so that we see more and more the truth that we are indeed His beloved children!





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