

1 John 1 Reasons for Writing

- That we may have fellowship
- Because sharing makes life complete
- Because sin can be defeated

1 John 2 Reminders

- We already know the truth
- Loving one another is the foundation of the law of God
- Deceivers are many, but we still have confidence

1 John 3 Action Words

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| • Faith | • Sinlessness |
| • Love | • Confidence |

1 John 4 Confidence

- We can divide fact from fiction by the Spirit
- We love one another
- We have faith built on facts
- We imitate Jesus

1 John 5 Exercising Faith

- Overcoming the world
- Expectations based on evidence
- Praying confidently
- Living in Reality

**1 John 5 Exercising Faith
Overcoming the world (v1 – 5)**

“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God [2:22, 4:2, 4:15], and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him [2:10, 3:10 – 17, 4:20 – 21]. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments [2:3, 3:22 – 24, 4:21]. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

**1 John 5 Exercising Faith
Overcoming the world (v1 – 5)**

- Creation is an incubator for faith
- God’s objective is to build a big family that will last
- Necessary characteristics: Trust God, love people
- Stick with reality

cf, Romans 5:5

**1 John 5 Exercising Faith
Expectations based on evidence (v5 – 13)**

“This is He who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three who bear witness: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God, that He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because He has not believed the testimony God has given of His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”

**1 John 5 Exercising Faith
Expectations based on evidence (v5 – 13)**

The Water – The message
The Blood – Redemption
The Spirit – The miraculous power

**1 John 5 Exercising Faith
Pray Confidently (v14 – 17)**

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin, which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.”

**1 John 5 Exercising Faith
Pray Confidently (v14 – 17)**

- 1 Peter 2:15 For this is the will (desire) of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will (desire) of God in Christ Jesus for you
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will (desire) of God, your sanctification
- Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” shall enter the kingdom of heaven but he who does the will (desire) of My Father in heaven
- John 7:17 If anyone wills (desires) to do His will (desire), he will know concerning the doctrine

**1 John 5 Exercising Faith
Live in Reality (v18 – 21)**

“We know that whoever is born of God does not continue to sin; but he who has been born of God keeps him and the wicked one does not touch him. We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”

**1 John 5 Exercising Faith
Live in Reality (v18 – 21)**

- Prediction of the end of Satan’s deception: Zechariah 13:2
- Confirmation that it happened: 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6
- First-century Christians were safe anyway: 1 John 4:4, 3:8, James 4:7, Ephesians 6:11