

## 1 John 5:4-13 **Faith is the Victory that Overcomes the World**

### Overcoming the World

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

### Witnesses in Heaven and Earth

6 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.

7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

10 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 that God has given of His Son. 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

### That You May Know

13 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, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

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Facts Revealed:

### Overcoming the World by Faith [1 John 5:4-5]

✚ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. [1 John 5:4]

✧ Faith that overcomes the world is born of God.

For by grace you have been saved through **faith**, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God**, not of works, lest anyone should boast. [Eph 2:8-9]

✧ Overcoming Faith, is belief in the fact that Jesus literally is the Son of God.

### Witnesses in Heaven and Earth

✚ This is He who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood.

✧ This is a sentence that throws the door wide open for much conjecture, what does he mean by water and blood?

✧ Life and death?

✧ Water and blood are present at natural birth of a child.

✧ Water and blood flowed from the side of Jesus on the cross when pierced by the spear.

✧ Associated with Christianity?

✧ Water of Baptism.

- ✧ Blood of Atonement
- ✧ Spiritual cleansing?
  - ✧ Water – of the Word
  - ✧ Blood – of Atonement
- ✧ Associated with the ministry of Christ?
  - ✧ Water introduced His ministry on earth at His baptism.
  - ✧ Blood introduced His death, resurrection and His eternal sovereignty.
- ✧ Associated with the testimony of God Himself.
  - ✧ At the **water** of baptism of Jesus, God spoke from Heaven acknowledging Jesus as "My Son in Whom I am well pleased."
  - ✧ At the transfiguration God acknowledged Jesus as "My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased listen to Him," Jesus said the vision was not to be released until after He was raised from the dead, thereby connecting the testimony of God with the **blood** of His death and His resurrection in power.
- ✧ And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. [1 John 5:6]
  - ✧ The Holy Spirit bears witness of Jesus by opening the mind to understand things of Christ. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. [John 16:13-15]
- ✧ For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the **Father**, the **Word**, and the **Holy Spirit**; and these three are one. [1 John 5:7]
  - ✧ This is a verse that expresses a Biblical truth very clearly, though it is missing from many modern translations.
- ✧ And there are three that bear witness on earth: the **Spirit**, the **water**, and the **blood**; and these three agree as one. [1 John 5:8]
  - ✧ The Water and the Spirit were present, the Blood was provided at the crucifixion of Christ.
  - ✧ At the baptism of Jesus, these witnesses were present and evident, the **Water** of baptism, the **Holy Spirit** in the form of a dove, and the voice of the **Father** from Heaven, and Jesus the **Word**. All in agreement having a part in our Salvation.
- ✧ If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. [1 John 5:9]
  - ✧ There can be no more authoritative testimony than that of God Himself, who spoke from Heaven three times affirming Jesus to those around Him. [Matthew 3:17, 17:5, Mark 1:11, 9:7, Luke 3:22, 9:35, John 12:27-30, 2 Peter 1:16-18]
- ✧ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself. [1 John 5:10]
- ✧ Whoever does not believe the testimony of God, has called God a liar because he did not believe the testimony God gave of His Son Jesus. [1 John 5:10]
  - ✧ The testimony is: that God has given us eternal life, and Eternal Life is in His Son Jesus Christ. [1 John 5:11, John 1:4, 29-34, 3:16, 36, 5:21, 26, 6:27, 40, 20:31, Romans 5:10]
  - ✧ Whoever has the Son of God has life. [1 John 5:12]
  - ✧ Whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. [1 John 5:12]

#### That You May Know [1 John 5:13]

- ✧ These things I have written **to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know you have eternal life**, and that you may **continue to believe in the name of the Son of God**. [1 John 5:13]

- ✧ The purpose of John in writing this epistle is the same purpose he had in writing his Gospel account, to provide information on which an individual may base his hope of eternal life, and present it in a way that it might be received and believed. [John 19:35, 20:30, 21:25]
- ✧ Believing the message places one in the position of receiving the promise of the message.
- ✧ That promise is Eternal Life for those who believe. [Mark 16:14-16, Luke 8:12, John 1:12, John 3:18, 36, 11:25-26, 17:20, 1 Corinthians 1:21, Galatians 3:22]