



Genuinely Victorious Faith (1 John 5:4-5) NLT

For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith; and who can win this battle against the world, ONLY those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 5:4-5) NLT

And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by His baptism in water and by shedding His blood on the cross, not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is Truth, confirms it with His Testimony. So we have these three witnesses: the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and ALL three agree. **Since we believe in human testimony, surely we can BELIEVE in the GREATER TESTIMONY that comes from God. And this is what God has Testified:** He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son, has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

Question: Why did John write this "pastoral-like" epistle? John was an "eyewitness" of Jesus Christ, and one of His disciples. John's aim is to exemplify the GREATER TESTIMONY concerning the LORD God's plan concerning Jesus Christ. The believer's faith in the LORD God and His plan of deliverance through His

His Son, brings about the "new birth" which is from the LORD God. Believing in Jesus Christ, is genuinely victorious faith. As believers in Jesus Christ we are born of the LORD God; and this being so, we have everything we need to move on through this life to the awaited treasures in heaven! We are victorious because we have faith. We have Jesus Christ as our "**shield**", and He is our "**exceeding great reward**" (see Genesis 15:1). We believers have been made one in Jesus Christ who is One in the Holy Father, the One True and Living God.

By placing our trust in Jesus Christ, we believers show our love by obeying His commandments e.g. **love the LORD thy God with ALL thy heart, with ALL thy soul, and with ALL thy might (Deuteronomy 6:5; Mark 12:29).** Jesus also said for us to love one another. Love is very important; because **God is Love** (1 John 4:7). The LORD God so loved the world (John 3:16) so we must love one another (1 John 4:11)

Question: How does love create victory for believers?

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- We have confidence that Jesus hears us when ask for things that pleases Him (1 John 5:14-15; John 15:7; James 4:3)
- The LORD God's love is perfected within us (1 John 4: 12)
- The LORD God has given us His Spirit (1 John 4:13)
- The perfect love of the LORD God expels all fear, because fear has torment (1 John 4:18)
- We have the LORD God's Holy Spirit: Comforter, Encourager, Counselor

Promote the love of the LORD God that builds trust, our actions of love reflect the character of the LORD God and strengthens our relationships with other people

Dear children, we must show love through actions that are sincere, not through empty words. (1 John 3:18) (GW)