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The Reality of Our Faith

1 John 5:1-12

Series: Reality Check – (re)Aligning Our Lives to the Way of Jesus

Central Passages

1 John 5:1–5 (NIV) — **1** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. **2** This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. **3** In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, **4** for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Central Thought: As we place our faith in Jesus and seek to walk in his way of love for God and neighbor, our present is empowered and our future is secure.

The Christian Faith...

- ❖ The Content of our Faith – Jesus as the Son of God and the Savior of the world is the unique path to peace with God. (vs. 1, 5b)

John 14:6–7 (ESV) — **6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

1 Timothy 2:5–6 (ESV) — **5** For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. (See also Luke 10:22)

- ❖ The Demonstration of our Faith – Our love for God and our neighbors. (vs. 2-3)

Mark 12:29–31 (ESV) — **29** Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **30** And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ **31** The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

- ❖ The Assurance of our Faith – The testimony of the Water, the Blood and the Spirit (vs. 6-10)

- The Water – The Father affirmed Jesus at his baptism.

Matthew 3:17 (ESV) — **17** and behold, a voice from heaven said, “**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**”

- The Blood – Jesus really died on the cross.

John 19:34–35 (ESV) — **34** But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. **35** He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.

- The Spirit – Affirms in our spirit that Jesus is the Savior.

John 15:26 (NLT) — **26** “But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.

- ❖ The Reward of our Faith – Eternal life, which is victory of the world. (vs. 4-5, 11-12)

John 5:24 (NLT) — **24** “I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but **they have already passed from death into life.** (See also Romans 8:31-39)

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