

## **1 John 5:1-13 (The faith that overcomes)**

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. **13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.**

### Introduction: What will I be in 2023?

*Christianity is the faith that overcomes the world (v4-5).*

#### The belief:

##### **A) The belief is in Jesus.**

- i) Jesus is the Christ (v1)
  
  
- ii) Jesus is the Son of God (v5, 12-13)
  
  
- iii) Jesus is he who came by water and blood (v6)

##### **B) The belief is trustworthy because God has testified to it through three witnesses (v9-11).**

- i) Through the Spirit (v6-8, 10)
  
  
- ii) By water (v6-8)
  
  
- iii) By blood (v6-8)

#### The believer:

- a) Born of God (v1)
  
  
- b) Loves God as Father (v1)
  
  
- c) Loves those born of God (v1)
  
  
- d) Obeys God's commands (v2-3)
  
  
- e) Does not find God's commands burdensome (v3)
  
  
- f) Victoriously overcomes the world (v4-5)

### Conclusion: What will I be in 2023?

**1 John 5:1-13 (NIV):**

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

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. <sup>9</sup> We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.