

A Study of the General Epistles **(NT Survey Lesson 210--1 John 5)**

Introduction: In this chapter John continues to explore the theme of how we may know we have eternal life (5:13). John shows us the victory or power of faith in Christ. It is power to overcome the world (v. 1-12), power to bring spiritual life to others (v. 13-17), and power to protect us from the evil one (v. 18-21).

Lesson aim: To emphasize the power of faith working in our lives.

The power of faith to overcome the world--1 Jn. 5:1-13

1. What is the proof that we are born of God? What is the proof that we love the Father?
2. How do we know that we love the children of God? What is the proof that we love God?
3. Those who are born of God overcome what? What enables them to do this?
4. In whom do Christians believe? (v. 5) What do they believe about Him?
5. To what two events might John be referring when he says Jesus came "by water and by blood"? What three things bear witness that Jesus is the Son of God?
6. Who else bears witness of Jesus? (v. 9) His witness is _____ than that of men.
7. What does the one who does not believe the witness of God make him?
8. God's testimony is that he will give us _____ and this life is in His _____.
9. Who must we have to possess the life God gives?
10. What do we know we have in believing in the name of the Son of God?

The power of faith to bring life to others--1 Jn. 5:14-18

1. What confidence do Christians have before God? If we know that God hears us, of what else can we be confident?
2. For whom does John urge us to pray? What does he promise God will do?
3. For whom does John urge us not to pray?
4. Thought question: In the context of this epistle, what might the difference be between sin leading to death and sin not leading to death?

Power of faith to protect from the evil one--1 Jn. 5:18-21

1. What does John say about those who are born of God? What does he say "He who was born of God" does?
2. Of whom are Christians? In whose power are those who are not Christians?
3. What has the Son of God come and given the Christian? What does this enable the Christian to have?
4. With what warning does John end his exhortations? Are idols here merely physical statues or false concepts of God as taught by others?