

I JOHN – LESSON 8

I. KNOWING THE VICTORIOUS FAITH (5:1-12)

A. Believing that Jesus is the Christ – Overcoming the world (v. 1-4)

1. Begotten of God
2. Loves him that is begotten of God
3. Expresses love by obeying God's commandments.

B. Believing that Jesus is the Son of God (v.5-6)

1. The Son came by both the water and the blood.

- a. Water – baptism initiating Jesus' earthly ministry.
- b. Blood – the death of the Son of God

C. Having the spirit of truth is key is overcoming the world (v. 7-12).

1. Spirit – water – blood agree with the Father in identifying Jesus as the Son of God.
2. The Witness is in the one who believes on the Son of God.
3. The message of the witness: Eternal life is in the Son of God.
4. The blessing of fellowship with the Son: Eternal life.

QUESTIONS:

1. To call Jesus the Christ does not convey His Deity. (T) (F)
2. Why would the "Gnostics" have a problem with identifying Jesus as the Christ?
3. What are **two** characteristics of the person who genuinely loves the Father?
4. From our present text, which of the following best completes the statement: the faith that overcomes the world demands one:
 - a. pray without ceasing.
 - b. believe that Jesus is Deity.
 - c. love his enemies and brethren.
5. Why is it important to John to stress that the Son came not by the water only, but also by the blood?
6. Name the witnesses agreeing to the fact that Jesus is the Son of God:
7. How does one have this witness in him?

8. What is the crowning message of the witness?
9. When one does not agree with the witness of God as to the Deity of Jesus, what **two** things result?
10. List some reasons why one **will not** overcome the world if he believes Jesus was just a good man, but not God: