



May 22

Passage: 1 John 5:6-12

Yesterday we talked about overcoming - look back over 1 Jn. 5:5 one more time really quickly. There's one requirement for overcoming: believing Jesus is the Son of God! Today we will read how and why we can and should believe that. Pause now and ask the Lord to open your mind so you can understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45)

READ & DIG. Read 1 John 5:6-12 (notice every mention of “testify” and “testimony.”)

Okay, sometimes when I'm reading and trying to notice, or count, certain words, I actually forget to take in the meaning. Anyone else? So, let's see what this passage says about *how* and *why we* can and should believe that Jesus is God's son.

HOW WE CAN BELIEVE (vv. 6-9)

We have testimonies: water, blood, and the Spirit. The water, representing Jesus' baptism, marks the beginning of His earthly ministry; the blood obviously symbolizes His death; and the Spirit continues to bear witness in the life of believers today! John reminds the early believers that even though they accept man's testimony - remember, a lot of these folks were first or second generation “seers” of Jesus - that God's testimony is greater!

WHY WE SHOULD BELIEVE (vv. 10-12)

If we believe that Jesus is the son of God, we have this testimony in our hearts! If we don't believe, we make God out to be a liar. Sound familiar? (1 Jn. 1:10) And what is this testimony? That God has given us eternal life through Jesus, His son! And John says it again - those who have the Son have life! (v. 12)

Apply & GO...

Believing that Jesus is the son of God is paramount to our faith. It would be like believing you could skydive, but not believing you need a parachute! Sure, you can wear all the other gear, fly up so beautifully high, and even jump out of the plane, but without this critical piece you “do not have life”! (v. 12) Do you believe Jesus is the son of God? Are you an overcomer?