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**An Authentic Believer: Is Victorious**

1 John 5:1-12

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. 2  We know we love God’s children if we love God and obey his commandments. 3  Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. 4  For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. 5  And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. 6  And Jesus Christ was revealed as God’s Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. 7  So we have these three witnesses— 8  the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree. 9  Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. 10  All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don’t believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don’t believe what God has testified about his Son. 11  And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12  Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.

What The Bible Says

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Christ (The Messiah – Almighty God)

1 John 2:18-27; 4:1-6; 5:1, 4, 5

1a  Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God.

To "believe" means:

* to put one's trust and confidence in
* to be convinced of, the truth
* to believe in Jesus as "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_"
* it means believing that Jesus of Nazareth was God's one and only Son
* and that he was anointed by God's Spirit

## 2. Love God and other believers; have lifestyles characterized by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 2:7-11; 3:11-18; 4:7-12; 5:1-3

1b   And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.

John 13:35

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God

1 John 2:3-6; 2:28–3:10; 5:2-3

2  We know we love God’s children if we love God and obey his commandments. 3  Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

***Obedience is the greatest demand placed upon us***

***after becoming a child of God***

“If you love Me you obey Me” - Jesus (to His followers)

“Greater than sacrifice” -Samuel (to King Saul)

Application

## 1. Only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can defeat this world

***Authentic Christians will not be***

***lured away to false teachings.***

***As strong as these powers may seem, the battle has already been decided and won by those who trust in Jesus Christ.***

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***"He who is in you is greater***

***than he who is in the world"***

How to overcome:

* understanding our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ
* using the resources He has made available to us
* trusting God in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* keeping our eyes on Jesus

## 2. Faith is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4  For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. 5  And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith: the object of our faith? JESUS !!

## 3. Real life is only found in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11  And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ***12  Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.***

Response:

## What is God speaking to me?

## Specifically, how will I obey Him?