

**SERIES: LESSONS ON THE LOVE OF CHRIST IN US**

**Lesson #11:– “Love Overcomes the World”**

**1 John 5:1-21**

**Announcements and opening prayer.** (*Stress the need to contact those who have missed more than 2-3 weeks. Let’s build our groups this year!*)



**Connect:** an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters. **Icebreaker:** What are some of the burdens you face in life? What are some of the burdens you faced in life that were removed when you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

**Transition:** God wants to remove our burdens. Jesus said, “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

**The Bottom Line:** The love of God in Jesus removes burdens from life and sets us free from the enticement of sin.

**LESSON PLAN**



**Denotes “Apply”**

**Read 1 John 5:1-5**

1. What does it take to be born of God?

2. Can you love God without loving Jesus?

 How does that make Christianity an exclusive religion?

*Imagine your child is 10 years old. He starts becoming independent. He tells you that you are not his boss and you will not tell him what to do. He is his own person and will make his own way. However, he plans on living in your house and you paying all the bills and just staying quiet and out of his way. You are told not to say a word. What would you as a father say to that boy? My dad had an answer. “I brought you into this world and I can sure take you*



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*out. You want to live by your rules, fine, go out there and do it, but do it all on your own. Don't come to me for a roof and money.”*

🌐 How does that story relate to our relationship with God?

3. How does our relationship to God give us victory?

**Read 1 John 5:6-12**

4. How did Jesus come to us? (Write on board)

**a. Water = baptism of Jesus.**

**b. Blood = crucifixion of Jesus.**

*By the water and the blood. This is a picture of the ministry of Jesus. The ministry began when Jesus was baptized with water in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. The voice of the Father came from Heaven and declared His love for Jesus and proclaimed Jesus to be His only Son with Whom He was well pleased. The ministry of Christ on earth ended with the perfect Lamb of God being offered as a sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. His blood covers the sins of all who declare Jesus to be Lord and receive His Holy Spirit's indwelling presence.*

5. What are the three witnesses to the truth that Jesus came from God to save us?

6. John goes on to share God's words that the testimony of the water, blood and Spirit are the fact that you and I can have eternal life through His Son, Jesus. What does John mean by that statement?

*Jesus not only lived the first perfect life for God on earth, but He was the first to permanently come back from the dead, resurrected to eternal life. In the resurrection we were given proof, testimony that we too can have eternal life in God through faith in Jesus.*

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7. Why is someone who refuses to believe Jesus is God’s sacrifice for our sin called a liar?
8. What are the 2 choices given concerning the Son of God?



**Interactive Teaching Ideas:** ideas for learner-focused teaching. Ask the class to discuss at each table the following assignment and then share the results from each table: *(Be sure to allow plenty of time for this exercise)*

**Group 1: Read 1 John 5:13** - Look back over John’s letter. What important things have been taught that would help us know that we have eternal life when Jesus is our Lord?

**Group 2: Read 1 John 5:14-15** – What are some of the qualifications on these prayers of faith that John mentions? What are some things we could ask that would be according to God’s will? What are some things we could ask that would NOT be according to His will?

**Group 3: Read 1 John 5:16-17** – How could there be sins that lead to death and sins that do not lead to death? What could they be and what is our responsibility?

*We should always pray for others. A brother refers to a fellow Christian. If we see a fellow Christian falling into sin we should be serious about offering up prayers to God to have their eyes opened. This sin does not lead to spiritual death. The person is failing to obey Christ in some area of their life. They are struggling with some sin. The sins that leads to death is the same as that mentioned in Hebrews 6. If someone has accepted Christ as Lord, received the Holy Spirit of God, then rejected Christ as their Savior and turned away from Jesus,*



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*denouncing their faith in Him, it is as if they nailed Him back on the cross and rejected His sacrifice for their sins. They have chosen to commit spiritual suicide. John is probably referring to those antichrist who have went out from them, renounced the true faith and were deceiving Christians. Their sin led them to a spiritual death.*

**Group 4: Read 1 John 5:18-21** – What are some of the truths that Christians know and how is that knowledge important to our faith?



**Going Deeper/Homework:**

**Memory Verse:** “Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways” (Psalm 128:1).