

STUDYING THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 10 - Faith in the Son of God - [1 John 5:1-12](#)

Read the following verses in the New Living Translation or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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Faith in the Son of God

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. ²We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. ³Loving God means keeping his commandments, and really, that isn't difficult. ⁴For every child of God defeats this evil world by trusting Christ to give the victory. ⁵And the ones who win this battle against the world are the ones who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶And 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 also gives us the testimony that this is true. ⁷So we have these three witnesses—⁸the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree. ⁹Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. ¹⁰All who believe in the Son of God know that this 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.

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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108. Who is born of God? ([5:1](#))
109. What can be said about the person who loves the Father? ([5:1](#))
110. How can a person know if he or she loves God's people? ([5:2](#))
111. What is love for God? ([5:2](#))
112. What unique quality do God's commands have? Why is this true? ([5:3-4](#))
113. Who overcomes the world? ([5:4-5](#))
114. How can we overcome the world? ([5:4-5](#))

115. How did Jesus Christ come? ([5:6](#))
116. Why does the Spirit testify? ([5:6](#))
117. What three things are in agreement? ([5:7-8](#))
118. Why is God's testimony greater than man's testimony? ([5:9](#))
119. Who has made God out to be a liar? ([5:10](#))
120. What testimony has God given concerning His Son? ([5:10-11](#))
121. What do we have if we have Christ in us? ([5:12](#))
122. What does it mean to be born of God?
123. What does it mean to overcome the world?
124. What steps do you need to take in order to be certain you are a child of God?

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Conclusion

¹³I write this to you who believe in the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. ¹⁴And we can be confident that he will listen to us whenever we ask him for anything in line with his will. ¹⁵And if we know he is listening when we make our requests, we can be sure that he will give us what we ask for.

¹⁶If you see a Christian brother or sister sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life. But there is a sin that leads to death, and I am not saying you should pray for those who commit it. ¹⁷Every wrong is sin, but not all sin leads to death.

¹⁸We know that those who have become part of God's family do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot get his hands on them. ¹⁹We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the power and control of the evil one. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we are in God because we are in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

²¹Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.

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125. Why did John write this letter? ([5:13](#))
126. What confidence can believers have? ([5:14-15](#))
127. About what type of sin did John say his readers should pray? ([5:16](#))
128. What is sin? ([5:17](#))
129. What does the person born of God stop doing? ([5:18](#))
130. What sort of protection do Christians enjoy? ([5:18](#))
131. Under whose control is the whole world? ([5:19](#))
132. What has the Son of God done, and what has He given? ([5:20](#))
133. Who is Jesus Christ? ([5:20](#))
134. What was the last instruction John left with his readers? ([5:21](#))
135. To what sort of death might sin lead?

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