

**Victorious Faith**  
**1 John 5:1-6**  
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Thesis: I want to remind us how we have the victory because of our faith in Christ & God.

Intro:

1. In a war what does a soldier hope for? Victory
2. In life we want to when, and God makes His people winners. He gives them the victory.

I. The Importance of Faith (**1 Jn 5:1**)

- A. The new birth of a person is the result of faith accepting God's forgiveness.
  1. A New life through a New Birth (**Jn 3:1-7**)
  2. Man must accept the price of sin and the way of redemption (**Rom 5:6-9**)
  3. Faith causes one to obey the Lord (**1 Pt 1:22-25**)
- B. Faith causes one to love (**1 Jn 5:2**)
  1. We love God's children (**1 Jn 5:16**)
  2. If we love God, we must love one another (**1 Jn 4:11**)
- C. Love for God is shown in obedience (**1 Jn 5:3**).

II. The Investigation of Faith

- A. Faith accepts Jesus as the Christ (**1 Jn 5:1**)
  1. Jesus was a man who lived in Palestine in the first century.
  2. There are 5 possibilities about Jesus.
    - a. A Mystical character
    - b. A real person of history who was a prominent religious leader.
    - c. A real person of history who imagined that he was the Messiah
    - d. A deceiver of men.
    - e. The Christ, the son of God.
  3. On what basis do we believe that He was the Messiah, the Christ? (**1 John 1:1-3**)
  4. The man who denied that Jesus is the Christ is a liar (**1 Jn 2:22**)
  5. The one who denied that Jesus is come in the flesh is not of God (**1 Jn 4:2**).
  6. To believe in Jesus as the Christ is to know that all of the O.T. predictions of the Messiah are fulfilled in Jesus (**Lk 24:44**).
- B. Faith accepts Jesus as the Son of God (**1 Jn 5:5**).
  1. God testified at Jesus' baptism that He was His Son (**Mt 3:17**).
  2. God testified at Jesus' transfiguration that He was His Son (**Mt 17:5**)
  3. To reject this truth is to make God a liar (**1 Jn 5:9-10**)
  4. To accept this truth is to understand that:
    - a. Jesus is our Savior
    - b. Jesus is our Judge.

III. The Inevitable Victory (**1 Jn 5:4-5**)

- A. John has repeatedly warned God's people about the world (**1 Jn 2:15-17**).
- B. John know uses the word overcoming, the idea of victory.
  1. **John uses this word more than any other N.T writer.**

**2. In each of the letters to the seven church of Asia is included the idea of overcoming.**

**3. The word literally means to carry off the victory.**

C. The Victory that overcomes is our faith.

1. Faith connects us with the source of power, God.

2. Our faith in Jesus as the Son of God which causes us to commit our lives to Him.

Conc:

1. Other New Testament writers emphasize the importance of faith in becoming God's children (**Gal 3:26-27**).

2. Faith is the essence of the Christian life (**2 Cor 5:7**).

**Hear**

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**Believe**

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**Repent**

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

**Confess**

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**Be baptized**

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

**Remain Faithful**

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

