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Youth E.D.G.E. Sunday School

Back to the Basics: A Study of 1 John - Part XV

## Hail to the Victors, Valiant!

1 John 5:1-5

### I. Because You Must Be a Victor for Jesus Christ, You Must Believe the Truth of God.

John is insistent about believing the truth of God because God's truth is constantly being subjected to speculation! It's not enough to engage in religious speculation if you don't even know God's truth.

#### A. You must believe in the identity of Jesus (v. 1a).

Believing in Jesus (present tense) is the direct result of having been born of God (perfect tense), and is therefore a test of new birth.

#### B. You must claim the victory of Jesus (vv. 4-5).

Confidence in the victory of Jesus is the one weapon against which neither error, nor evil, nor the force of the world can prevail. The victory is there - you must claim it!

### II. Because You Must Be a Victor for Jesus Christ, You Must Possess the Love of God.

There is an overarching truth related to the love of God that governs what we know to be true about God's love:

**Key Truth:** The Love of God is primarily about keeping God's commands (v. 3a).

Love for God is a moral commitment. You must put "shoes to your faith." Obedience is not the outcome of loving God. It is *part* of loving God.

#### A. His commandments are not burdensome (v. 3b).

Jesus gives commands to his people that reveal the heart of God and direct the hearts of his followers to God.

#### B. His love results in love for others (vv. 1b; 2a).

Just as it's impossible to love God without loving His children, so it's impossible to love His children without loving God. It goes both ways!