

# **Preaching and Practicing the Truth**

**Studies in 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, 1, 2 and 3 John**

## **He that has the Son has Life**

**1 John 5**

**Lesson 19**

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# Concerning the Word of Life (1:1-4)

- ▶ Eternal life – What does it look like?
- ▶ Jesus Christ
- ▶ Fellowship with God

# The Attributes of God

- ▶ God is Light
- ▶ God is Righteous
- ▶ God is Love

# Two Families

- ▶ Children of God and children of the devil (3:10)
- ▶ Light and darkness (John 3:19; 8:12; 12:46)
- ▶ Righteousness and sin
- ▶ Love and hate
- ▶ A spiritual war (3:8)

# **An Incomplete Salvation**

- ▶ “We see through a glass darkly” (1 Cor. 13:12)
- ▶ We are born again – of God – abiding in Christ
- ▶ Jesus Christ – Propitiation and Advocate
- ▶ In the world but not of the world
- ▶ We live by faith and hope

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## **1 John 5:1-21**

- ▶ Born of God (5:1-3)
- ▶ Overcoming the world (5:4-12)
- ▶ Assurance of eternal life (5:13-21)

# Born of God (5:1-3)

- ▶ The necessity of the new birth (John 3:1-8)
- ▶ Those born of God believe that Jesus is the Christ
- ▶ Love and obedience
- ▶ His commandments are not grievous/burdensome
- ▶ Faith and love

# Overcoming the World (5:4-12)

- ▶ Those born of God overcome the world (5:4)
- ▶ What is the world?
  - sinful (2:2)
  - no love of the Father (2:15)
  - exclusive of the Father (2:16)
  - passing away (2:17)
  - hatred for believers (3:13) – Do not be surprised!
  - domain of evil spirits (4:1)
  - antichrist (4:4-5)
  - the Son sent to be the Savior of the world (4:14)
  - dominion of evil one (5:19)



# The World

## ▶ Created order – creation and man

- Isaiah 13:11 – world for its evil and wicked for their iniquity
- Psalm 96:13 – judge the world. . . judge the earth - synonymous parallelism
- World refers fallen creation and the Godless culture of fallen men

## ▶ Now under dominion of Satan

- The enemy of God – God's commandments are grievous
- The enemy of saints
- We are in the world, not of the world (4:17; John 17:13-18)
- Will come under the dominion of Christ (Gen. 9:13-16; Rev. 11:15)

# Overcoming by Faith (5:4-5)

- ▶ Cannot be ignored or avoided
- ▶ Not by compromise or good works
- ▶ Not politically or legally
- ▶ Must be overcome by faith
- ▶ Faith that Jesus is the Son of God
- ▶ What is overcoming faith?
  - Love and obedience

# Faith that Overcomes (5:6-8)

- ▶ He came by water and blood
  - Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper
  - The death of Christ attested by the flow of blood and water
  - The Word of God and death of Christ
  - Christ's baptism and death
- ▶ Blood and water symbolize the effect of Christ's death
- ▶ Textual note: 5:7 – three witnesses in heaven
- ▶ Three witnesses on earth: Spirit, water, blood
- ▶ This is the testimony of God

# Overcoming the world

- ▶ Not become entangled in the affairs of this life
- ▶ Not come under the influence of the world
- ▶ Be holy; be separate; recognize the danger
- ▶ But . . . remain in the world until Christ comes
- ▶ The just shall live by faith

# Assurance of Eternal Life (5:13-21)

- ▶ John's purpose – assurance (5:13)
- ▶ Confidence in prayer (5:14-15)
- ▶ Love for a brother in sin (5:16-17)
- ▶ Hope in Christ (5:18-20)

# Guard yourselves from idols (5:21)

- ▶ The knowledge of the Triune God
- ▶ Life and victory (perseverance) by faith in Christ
- ▶ Many false spirits
- ▶ Guard yourselves from idols
  - Know the truth – free (John 8:32)
  - Know the true God and eternal life

# He that has the Son has Life

## ▶ A time for self examination.

- Do we believe in the Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God?
- Do we see evidence that we are partakers of the Divine nature: Light, righteousness, love (for the brethren)?
- Do we love the world?

## ▶ A time for action

- Light – read, study, meditate to know Christ in Scripture
- Pray – He hears us so ask for the grace of Christ-likeness
- Guard yourselves from idols