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

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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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
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▪ 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