

**The Authenticity of our Faith!**  
**Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel**  
**1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 5:5-12**  
*Sunday – November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025*

CONTEXT: John in his first epistle has taken us through the major components that exist in those saved. We are nearing the end of his letter that he wrote to clarify who is saved and thereby to provide assurance (1 John 5:13). His focus has been on three particular earmarks of true salvation: saving faith, love, and obedience. Last time he defined these in terms of essentials leading to another earmark of overcoming the world. This was summarized by “This is the victory that overcomes the world - our faith (1 John 5:4). From that John elaborates what He means by, “Our faith.” His emphasis now moves to the authenticity of faith that is required and essential. John implies that it is not enough to believe in a general way about Christ, but that true faith will embrace who Christ is and what He specifically came to do and did on behalf of sinners. To highlight the authentication of Christ and what He did, John reminds us of the witness by God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, along with the testimony of changed lives of the recipients of Christ’s work in bearing our sins.

**Outline of 1st John (underlined portion is the immediate context)**

- II. The Reality of Fellowship with Christ (1:5- 5:12)
  - B. The Characteristics of Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-3:24)
  - C. The Cautions for Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1-21)
  - D. The Consequence of Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1-12)
    - 1. Conquering the world (1 John 5:1-4)
    - 2. Complete reliance upon Christ (1 John 5:5-12)

<i>Key Words &amp; times used</i>
● Testimony or testify (9)
● water (4)
● blood (3)
● God (7)
● Son (6)
● Spirit (3)

**Introduction:**

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**2. Complete Reliance upon Christ (1 John 5:5-12)**

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- V. 5 - Christ’s unique Credentials

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- V. 6 – Christ’s specific purpose

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- V. 7-9 - Christ’s perfect witnesses

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- V. 5:10-11 - Changed life testimonies

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**Closing:**

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