

September 3, 2017  
I John 5:1-12

## THE FAITH THAT TRANSFORMS

### I. Introduction:

### II. Four Ways That Real Faith Transforms Me

#### A. I Love \_\_\_\_\_ More.

1] “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father **loves his child** as well.” I John 5:1

#### B. I Love \_\_\_\_\_ More.

2] “This is how we know that we love the children of God: **by loving God....**” I John 5:2

#### C. I Love \_\_\_\_\_ More.

3] This is love for God: **to obey his commands.** And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.” I John 5:3-4

**D. I Love \_\_\_\_\_ More.**

Jesus said, "the truth shall set you free." John 8:32.  
John emphasizes 3 aspects of truth:

- **The Truth about Christ's \_\_\_\_\_**

5] Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.  
6] This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7] For there are three that testify: 8] the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement." I John 5:5-8

- **The Truth about God's \_\_\_\_\_**

9] We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 10] Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son." I John 5:9-10

- **The Truth about my \_\_\_\_\_**

11] And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." I John 5:11

**The Question: Have I \_\_\_\_\_  
this transforming gift of God?**

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
**Week of September 3rd**  
**I John 5:1-12**

**Open It:**

1. What makes a person's testimony seem credible or incredible?
2. How do you demonstrate love for your parents?
3. \*What do you find burdensome or a drag to do?

**Explore It:**

4. Who is born of God? (5:1)
5. What can be said about the person who loves the Father? (5:1)
6. How can a person know if he or she loves God's people? (5:2)
7. What is love for God? (5:2)
8. \*What unique quality do God's commands have? Why is this true? (5:3-4)
9. \*Who overcomes the world? (5:4-5)
10. \*How can we overcome the world? (5:4-5)
11. How did Jesus Christ come? (5:6)
12. Why does the Spirit testify? (5:6)
13. What three things are in agreement? (5:7-8)

14. Why is God's testimony greater than man's testimony?  
(5:9)
15. Who has made God out to be a liar? (5:10)
16. What testimony has God given concerning His Son?  
(5:10-11)
17. What do we have if we have Christ in us? (5:12)

**Get It:**

18. What does it mean to be born of God?
19. How can we know that we are born of God?
20. How do you know that you are a child of God?
21. What are the commands of God with which you struggle with obeying?
22. In what way should we love the children of God?
23. \*When have you thought that God's commands were burdensome?
24. \*What does it mean to overcome the world?
25. How have you overcome the world?
26. What is your relationship to the Son?
27. How can a person receive eternal life?

**Apply It:**

28. \* What steps do you need to take in order to be certain you are a child of God?