



## **Lesson Seven – Love, Faith and Witness (1 John 5:1-13)**

### **Let's Get Started**

- ⊕ Did your parents ever tell you to “hug your sister” or “shake hands with your brother”? Why did they do this? Does it still work?
- ⊕ Do you ever feel like you're carrying the weight of the world? Parents, employees, friends – we all feel it sometimes. How does it feel to be relieved of those burdens?

### **Into the Text**

#### **⊕ The Implications of Love – 1-3**

- \* From the end of chapter 4, John seems to anticipate a \_\_\_\_\_: what is it?
- \* This is often used as a “\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_” passage...but...
- \* Jesus had a particular issue with the \_\_\_\_\_ in Matt 23:4.
  - God's commands were given to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of Him!
  - It is *ridiculous* to claim love for God and \_\_\_\_\_ against His commands.

#### **⊕ Faith is the Victory – 4-5**

- \* We overcome now and \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome in the battle against sin.
- \* Only time John uses the word “\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our power to win!
  - The word “victory” is the word “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- \* Continual \_\_\_\_\_ means continual \_\_\_\_\_!

### **Apply It**

- ⊕ John reminds us we're family! How do God's commandments lead us to practically love each other? How does knowledge of God's commandments bring us into participation in the love of God's children?
- ⊕ Jesus promised in Him our burdens would be light (Matt 11:28–30). What heavy burdens do you believe you must bear? In light of Jesus' promise, how do you exchange your heavy load for His offer of relief?
- ⊕ Faith is defined by John as belief in Jesus the Christ and Son of God. He also speaks of love of the body and obedience to God. We know these are the **fruit** of faith. Do you ever look at the simplicity of faith and think, “*This is not enough!*”?

## Into the Text

### ⊕ **God's Witness** – 6-13

- \* "By water and by blood..." – this is a refutation of the \_\_\_\_\_ teaching.
- \* The three witnesses:
  - Water - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Blood - \_\_\_\_\_
  - The Spirit - \_\_\_\_\_
- \* God ultimately weaves the three witnesses into the " \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
- \* John adds one more witness: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Apply It

- ⊕ John pictures God Himself giving testimony on behalf of Jesus. Are we *really* going to reject the testimony of GOD?!
- ⊕ Read John 20:31. Compare John's reason for writing his Gospel to his reason for writing this letter. Is his audience the same or different? Was the message they needed to hear the same or different?
- ⊕ The truth about Jesus helps us believe **and** persevere. How does the truth about Jesus help you daily?