



Jesus is the Christ
1 John 5:1-21

Curtis Deming
Melbourne Community Church
November 4, 2018

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and clear lenses is positioned in the upper half of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a book cover or parchment. The text is overlaid on the image.

What will we learn?

- ❖ The one and only Son of God came in the flesh to save us.
- ❖ We are saved by faith in Jesus the Christ.
- ❖ Love and obedience are evidence of our faith.
- ❖ We can be confident in prayer and about eternity.



Tools for epistles:

- ❖ Read it through in one setting.
- ❖ Remember that it's someone else's mail.
- ❖ Look for the occasion.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is resting on a textured, light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

John's life:

- ❖ Son of Zebedee, brother of James
- ❖ Called by Jesus "Son of Thunder"
- ❖ Inner circle — Peter, James and John
- ❖ Close to Jesus at the Last Supper
- ❖ With Peter at the empty tomb



John's NT writings:

- ❖ Gospel of John
- ❖ 1, 2 and 3 John
- ❖ Revelation

1 John 1

- ❖ We apostles proclaim what we have witnessed.
- ❖ Light vs. darkness
- ❖ Love vs. hate

1 John 2

- ❖ Because you know Jesus ...
 - ❖ Your sins have been forgiven.
 - ❖ You have overcome the evil one.
 - ❖ Eternal life is your reward.
- ❖ There is a cosmic rivalry ...
 - ❖ Between the world and the kingdom of God.
 - ❖ Between lies and truth.

1 John 3

- ❖ If we are abiding in Jesus ...
 - ❖ We will do right.
 - ❖ We will love others.
- ❖ If we are abiding in Jesus ...
 - ❖ We can be confident about his return.
 - ❖ We can be confident in prayer.

1 John 4

- ❖ God defines love.
- ❖ God's love was shown at the cross of Christ.
- ❖ We are called to generous, sacrificial, compassionate love, like God's love.



John's fundamentals:

- ❖ Faith
- ❖ Love
- ❖ Obedience

1 John 5:1-2

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

Joshua 23:6, 11

[Joshua to all Israel]: “Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left.”

“So be very careful to love the LORD your God.”

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and clear lenses is resting on a light-colored, textured surface, possibly sand or a coarse fabric. The glasses are positioned horizontally across the upper half of the image. The text is overlaid on the image, with the title 'Psalm 85:10-11' centered above a red horizontal line, and the verses below it.

Psalm 85:10-11

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is resting on a textured, light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

1 John 5:3-4

In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, ... Nor is it beyond the sea ... No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and clear lenses is positioned horizontally across the upper half of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a book cover or a piece of paper, with a subtle pattern. The text is overlaid on the image.

1 John 5:5

**Who is it that overcomes the world?
Only the one who believes that Jesus
is the Son of God.**

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and clear lenses is positioned on a textured, light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

Romans 3:28

For we maintain that a person is justified
by faith apart from the works of the law.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is positioned in the upper half of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a book cover or a piece of paper. The text is overlaid on this background.

Galatians 2:16

A person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is positioned at the top of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a book cover or a piece of paper. The text is overlaid on the image.

1 John 5:6

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.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and clear lenses is positioned on a light-colored, textured surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

1 John 5:7-8

For there are three that testify: the Spirit,
the water and the blood; and the three
are in agreement.



Three witnesses:

- ❖ Moses (Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15)
- ❖ Jesus (Matthew 18:16)
- ❖ Paul (2 Corinthians 13:1)

Deuteronomy 19:15

One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offense they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is resting on a textured, light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

“water and blood”?

- ❖ **Augustine – pierced side**
- ❖ **Martin Luther and John Calvin – sacraments**
- ❖ **Tertullian – incarnation of Jesus, specifically from baptism to the cross**

“Nothing but the Blood”

- ❖ Matthew 26:28
- ❖ Acts 20:28
- ❖ Romans 3:25; 5:9
- ❖ Ephesians 1:7
- ❖ Colossians 1:20
- ❖ Hebrews 9:12; 13:12

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is positioned horizontally across the upper half of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a book cover or a piece of paper, with a subtle pattern. The text is overlaid on the image.

1 John 5:9

We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is resting on a textured, light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

1 John 5:10

Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and clear lenses is positioned diagonally across the frame. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a book cover or parchment, with a subtle pattern. The text is overlaid on the image.

Martin Luther:

“It is the whole function of our preaching to establish this testimony concerning the Son of God in the hearts of men.”

1 John 5:11-12

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is positioned on a textured, light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

1 John 5:13

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is resting on a textured, light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

John 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is positioned in the upper half of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a book cover or a piece of paper, with a subtle pattern. The text is overlaid on the image.

Matthew 21:22

[Jesus]: “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and clear lenses is resting on a light-colored, textured surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

John 15:7

[Jesus]: “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything **according to his will**, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 John 5:16-17

If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is resting on a textured, light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

1 John 5:18-19

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

1 John 5:20

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and clear lenses is positioned on a textured, light-colored surface. The text "the one true God" is written across the lenses in a white, serif font with a black outline. A thin red horizontal line is drawn below the text.

"the one true God"

- ❖ Jeremiah 24:7; 31:34
- ❖ John 1:9; 15:1
- ❖ Revelation 3:7

Jeremiah 24:7

[The LORD to Jeremiah]: “I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.”

A pair of glasses with a textured, brownish frame is positioned in the upper half of the image. The background is a light-colored, heavily textured surface, possibly sand or a coarse fabric, with some faint, darker patterns. The text is overlaid on the image.

John 1:9

**The true light that gives light to everyone
was coming into the world.**

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is resting on a textured, light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

John Calvin:

“The pious mind does not dream up for itself any god it pleases, but contemplates the one and only true God.”

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and clear lenses is positioned in the upper half of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored surface with a subtle pattern. The text is overlaid on the image.

1 John 5:21

Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

A pair of glasses with a dark frame and clear lenses is positioned horizontally across the upper half of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a book cover or a piece of paper, with a subtle pattern. The text is overlaid on the image.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

What have we learned?

- ❖ The one and only Son of God came in the flesh to save us.
- ❖ We are saved by faith in Jesus the Christ.
- ❖ Love and obedience are evidence of our faith.
- ❖ We can be confident in prayer and about eternity.



A pair of glasses with a dark frame and light-colored lenses is resting on a textured, light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the image.

Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

“Nothing but the Blood”

- ❖ Matthew 26:28
- ❖ Acts 20:28
- ❖ Romans 3:25; 5:9
- ❖ Ephesians 1:7
- ❖ Colossians 1:20
- ❖ Hebrews 9:12; 13:12