

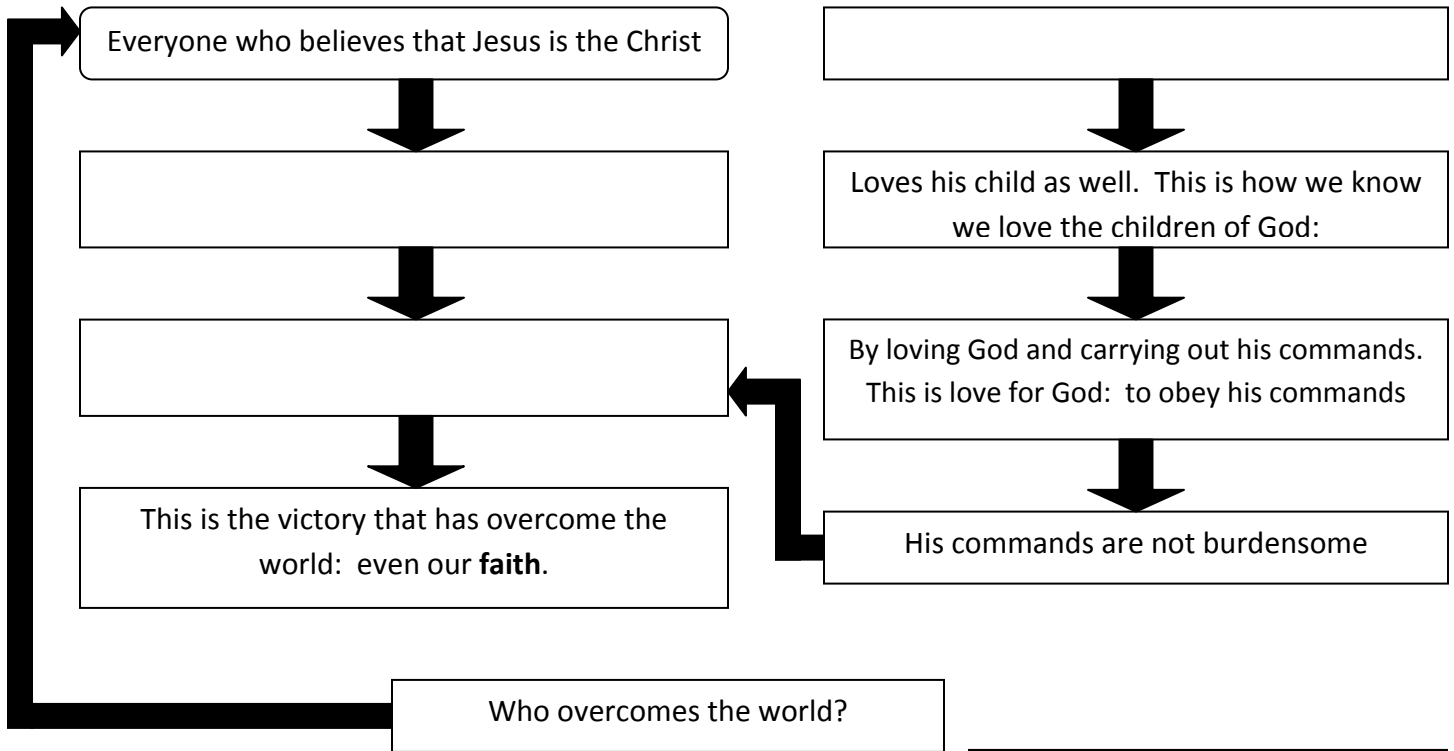
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP
OCTOBER 29, 2008

“SOMEWHERE BETWEEN FEAR & LOVE”

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I John 5:1-5



I John 5:6-12

Jesus came by water and blood – by _____ and the _____. John affirms the true human existence of Jesus against those who taught that Jesus _____ to be human. Because Jesus appeared to be human, he could not have been subject to suffering and death. But if Jesus did not _____, then there would not have been any redemptive activity on the part of God. We would still be in our sin. Jesus came



through the waters of _____ and the blood of the _____ and this is the basis of the _____ of humankind

The Spirit testifies because the Spirit is the _____ and cannot lie. _____ witnesses can lie, but the Spirit cannot lie. There are _____ that testify – the Spirit, the water and the blood and all three are in agreement. The Spirit gives witness to the community of the power of baptism and death of the Lord Jesus through the rites of water baptism and communion. As we partake of _____ and _____ they are witnessing to us by the power of the Holy Spirit, the baptism and the death of Jesus as the salvation of humankind. We accept the testimony of people – but God’s testimony is _____ and God testifies about Jesus in the fact that the Spirit confirms the baptism and the death on the cross. Anybody who believes in Jesus has this testimony in his heart – the voice of the Spirit speaking to them that Jesus Christ is _____ – speaking through the water and the blood.

Anyone who does not believe in Jesus has made God out to be a _____. To receive the Son is to _____ the Father. To _____ the Son is to deny the Father. One cannot believe in God and then _____ God’s son. God has given us a witness for his Son, who gives us eternal life. Anyone who has the Son has _____ – anyone that does not believe that Jesus came in the flesh and was baptized and crucified does not have life.

John’s Conclusion: I John 5:13 – 21

John concludes by reidentifying his _____: I write these things to you who believe in the _____ of the Son of God (_____).

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John concludes by reaffirming their _____: so that you may know that you have _____ . This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And because of God's _____ for us, God gives to us freely...even those whom we pray for...even when they've _____. God's _____ for us is more powerful than sin. But don't use God's love as an _____ to sin.

John concludes by stating three _____. He states the certainties and then states the reality that the certainties overcome.

- 1) Anyone born of _____ does not continue in sin—the one who was born of God keeps him safe and the _____ one cannot touch him
- 2) We know that we are the children of _____ – the world is under the control of the evil one.
- 3) This is the summary of the whole book: We know that the Son of God has come and given us certain knowledge of himself that we might know that the Son is _____. And we are in him who is _____. We possess the _____ God and eternal life

Therefore, let us keep ourselves from idols – avoid any contact with paganism – avoid false teachers who lead you away from the faith.