

Who will take the Son?

1 John 5

- Excited about the Christmas Party - invite your friends.
- Excited about the Christmas Play - invite your friends.

1 John was so good to study out especially during the holidays. I especially think that 1 John 5 is an amazing chapter as the Christmas holidays begin.

John is speaking to a church in Ephesus and Asia Minor that is full of possible distractions, ideas and heresies.

There was the temple of Diana, Gnostics were waging war against the church saying that Jesus was not an incarnate but rather just a spirit, threatening the gospel message in a big way.

The city was full of idols, full of ideas and full of heresies.

Isn't that also the traps that are around us in America. Christmas can be more about everything else except the greatest of all - JESUS! The most important thing - Jesus!

The title of the message is Take the Son and Never let him Go!

Let's start in 1 John 5

1. Whoever has the Son has Love! vs. 1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

He is speaking of the people of God.

This is how we know that we love the children of God; by loving God and carrying out his commands.

WOW! Loving God and loving people, obeying God is loving God's children.

Matthew 22:34-40 - The second is LIKE IT!

And his commands are not burdensome. They go against your flesh but they are what you were created to be and make. He is giving us things that will help our lives go well.

Obedience is the only proof of love.

It is the way of God never to lay a commandment on any man without also giving him the strength to carry it out.

His commands are not burdensome

They help us overcome the world, they give us victory, they give us so many things.

Whoever has the Son has the Love!

Remember fighting the flesh - and then remembering seek the kingdom first and all these things will be given to you as well. I am so glad I _____.

2. Whoever has the Son has Life! vs. 6-13

There is no more truer of a statement.

*Gnostics did not think Jesus was incarnate meaning - **in human form and flesh.***

Colossians 2:9 - *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.*

Water, Blood and Spirit Testify.

Water - *when Jesus was baptized God testified by him speaking about him saying this is my son in whom I am well pleased.*

Blood - *refers to the cross*

Spirit *descended on him like a dove.*

John 19:34-35 - *Put on the slide:*

“Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.”

*Human testimony / Through scriptures and testimony.
Apostles and Prophets*

*God’s testimony is greater than all.
If you deny this testimony you are making God out to be liar.*

John 14:6

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

Whoever has the son has life. *Whoever does not have the son does not have life!*

3. Whoever has the Son has Confidence! vs. 14-21

Great confidence in prayer - vs. 14-15

Great confidence in overcoming sin vs. 16-17

Sin that leads to death

- Difficult passage
- Sins that lead to death - blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, lack of faith in Jesus.
- Sins that do not lead to death we need to pray for.

Great confidence overcoming committing sins vs. 18

Given us great understanding

Jesus is the true God and eternal life

What a great way to end

Dear Children, keep yourselves from idols.

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