

Sermon Supplement from May 26

Passing The Tests | 1 John 5:1-5

Warm Up

- When was the last time you took a test? What were the results?

Dig In

Read verses 1-3 | Test Summary

- Belief: What does someone need to believe to become a Christian? What do you believe about Jesus?
- Love: respond to this statement: *“Faith that does not lead to love is useless; Love that is not based in faith is powerless.”* Which way do you lean?
- Obedience: Why do you think John reminds us that God’s commands are not burdensome? Why do they sometimes feel burdensome? How does a proper perspective keep them from becoming burdensome?

Read verses 4-5 | Test Results

- What does the repeated use of the word Nike (overcome/victory) tell you about these verses?
- Read the following passages and talk about the Christian’s victory: 1 John 2:13-14; 4:4; John 16:33; Romans 8:37-39; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
- Why is it important to remember that we not only fight FOR victory but also FROM victory?
- What overwhelms you about living in this world? How do these passages help you with that tendency?
- How does the future, absolute victory of Christ put the tribulations of the present into perspective? How does that help you with what you are facing today?

Wrap Up

- What are the tests of Belief, Love, and Obedience revealing in you?
- In what ways can you live as an overcomer this week?
- What are thoughts from this lesson that have challenged or encouraged you?
- What action steps do you need to take in light of what you have learned?

Next Week’s Sermon: 1 John 5:6-12

- *Read the text several times, preferably in multiple translations.*
- *Read the text in the context of the verses around it.*
- *Read study Bible notes or a commentary on the passage.*
- *Write down what you think is the big idea of the passage.*
- *Write down a few personal applications.*