

Problem:

not all faith is true faith - Jn 8:31-45

Main Idea:

True faith is a gift

True faith is a lifestyle

True faith is a weapon

Implication:

True faith can be seen - Heb 11:29-12:2

Application:

remember it - Rom 8:28-39

live it - 1 Jn 3:16-18

Wield it - Eph 6:16

text:

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True faith is a gift

1John 5:1a **Everyone who believes** that Jesus is the Christ **has been born of God (perfect)**,

(1a) regeneration precedes faith - Jn 1:9-13; 11:38-44; eph 2:1-10; James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:3;

Remember it - Romans 8:28-39

True faith is a lifestyle

1 John 5b and **everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him (perfect)**.

1John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments (circles back to 5b). And his commandments are not burdensome.

(2) His commandments - 1 Jn 2:3-11

love one another - 1 Jn 4:7-21 -> faith and love inseparable (15-16)

(3) not burdensome - matt 11:28-30

if your not born of Him an impossible book with impossible commands - 1 Cor 2:12-16

live it - 1 Jn 3:16-18 - deed and truth

True faith is a weapon

1John 5:4 For **everyone who has been born of God (perfect) overcomes (present) the world**. And this is the victory that **has overcome (aorist-overcame)** the world—**our faith (only noun form of believe (pistis) in all of John)**.

1John 5:5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

(4a) overcomes - 1 Jn 2:13-17 - a continuous battle

(4b) overcame - Jn 16:32-33 - an assured victory - our possession of faith

crucified with Christ - Gal 2:20

risen with Christ - Rom 6:3-5

glorified with Christ - Col 3:1-4

seated with Christ - Eph 2:5-7

wield it - eph 6:16

True faith can be seen - Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Articles for further study:

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