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## Eternal Life 1 John 5:1-13 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

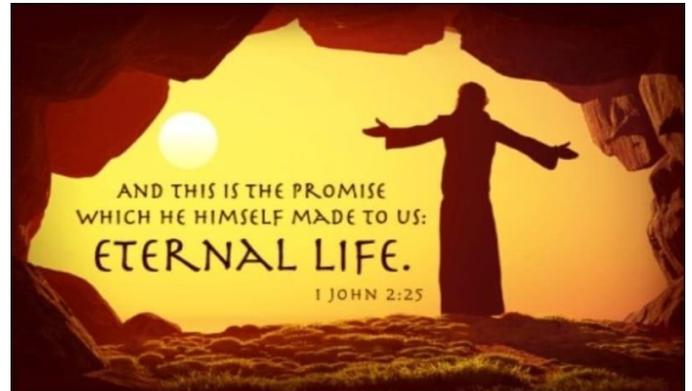
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

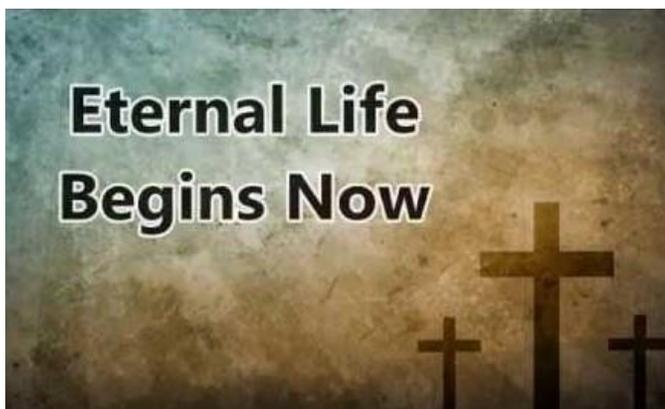
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we look at the final chapter of 1 John. Chapter 5 starts with distinguishing who is born of God. It goes on to make clear that the people that have eternal life are those that have the Son. John also gives reason for us to believe in the Son, namely the testimony of God about Jesus. Jesus is baptized with water as a man and the Father testifies for Him. Jesus' death on the cross and later His resurrection also testify that He is the Son of God. Therefore we are left with plenty of reason to believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world and that the only way to eternal life is through Him. Join us this week as we talk about the confidence we can have in eternal life and how that confidence has an impact on this life.



## 1 John 5:1-13 (NASB)

### Overcoming the World

**5** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

<sup>5</sup>Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit

who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.<sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. <sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. <sup>10</sup>The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. <sup>11</sup>And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

<sup>13</sup>These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

V **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. Who is born of God? Is there more than one way?

9. How do we show God we love Him? Is it hard to show God we love Him?

10. What does it mean to overcome the world? How do we achieve this?

11. What does the water and the blood represent?

12. In this passage what purpose does John give for his writing?

13. What testimony do we have about Jesus?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. How do we know we have eternal life?

15. How does eternal life impact us now?

16. What evidence for Jesus do we have now that John was referring to in this passage?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*