



- Week 6 -

What we SEE is not all there IS.

**1 John 5:4b-5**

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

<sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world?

Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

**1 John 5:6 (NLT)**

And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony.

“Christ”  
=  
“Rescuing King”

Jesus IS who he SAYS he is.

**1 John 5:21**

Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

**1 John 5:14-15**

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

## **How to receive forgiveness from God:**

- 1) *Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.*
- 2) *Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.*
- 3) *Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.*

**You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.*

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

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### **For Further Reflection:**

*:: What part of the weekend message resonated the most with you? What do you think God might be inviting you to receive or live into as it relates to that?*

*:: Read 1 John 5.*

*:: What sticks out to you as particularly encouraging?*

*:: What is challenging to you?*

*:: What are some things we discover about God and ourselves in this passage?*

*:: Pastor Jeremiah said, “An idol is anything in our lives we look to first that isn’t God...anything—even if it is good—that keeps us from experiencing God’s best.”*

*:: How are you processing this?*

*:: What do you think are examples of common idols in our lives?*

*:: What do you think it looks like to “keep yourselves from idols” (v.21)?*

*:: What is one practical way this week you’re going to live out of the truths that Jesus is our Rescuing King and what we see is not all there is? Who will you tell about this so they can pray for and encourage you?*

Unless otherwise noted, today’s Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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