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Faith Conquers All

[1 John 5:1-6](#)

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

The decorations may be down and the Easter basket candy finally gone, but we continue to celebrate the risen Christ.

In this reading from the First Epistle of John, we're encouraged that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God" But John's insight does not end there. You may have heard the phrase before: Love the parent, love the child. However, John isn't giving a direction, he's emphasizing depth of love in faith.

John doesn't just talk of love—he points it out and how we can see it. "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments."

Easy? In John's faith it is easy, because obeying commandments doesn't cause difficulties. Obeying commandments should be easy because in obeying you overcome those difficulties of the world. Faith conquers.

Celebrate the risen Christ, and that faith in the risen Christ is what conquers the world.

Prayer: *Almighty God, when we strive to obey your commandments and feel the difficulties and challenges of doing so in our lives, remind us that the difficulties are ours, not yours, and instead of being burdened by commandments that your love makes them light and faith conquers all. Amen.*

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