

Anchored in the Incarnation

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God didn't just come to earth to give us a **holiday**; He came to give us Himself.

Big Idea: The hope of salvation is found in the **incarnation 1 John 5:1–12**

1. Jesus Became Human to Change Us: 1 John 5:1-5

You cannot love God without loving **Jesus**.

God calls us to godliness, but the path to **victory** isn't through striving harder in our own strength. It's through submitting to the Holy Spirit.

2. Jesus Became Human to Show Us: 1 John 5:6–10

1 John 5:6 *“This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.”*

The Spirit's ongoing work in the lives of believers – **transforming** hearts, producing spiritual fruit and empowering obedience – is a continual **testimony** that Jesus is who He claimed to be.

To believe in Jesus is to accept God's **testimony** and align yourself with the truth.

3. Jesus Became Human to Save Us: 1 John 5:11–12

1 John 5:11-12 says, *“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”*

People spend their lives planning for the future – saving for **retirement**, buying insurance and protecting their assets – but they neglect the most important thing: their eternal **destiny**.

To reject Christ is to **reject** life itself.