

Light, Love, & Life Series:
How The Incarnation Helps Us Live Out The Sacred
Love Gives Way To Life
1 John 5:1-12

- I. The Necessity of an Obedient Faith (1-4)
 - A. Faith in Jesus
 - 1. Love of God the Father and the Son
 - 2. Love for the community of faith
 - B. How – Love and obey
 - 1. Love of God = keep His commandments
 - 2. Not burdensome
 - C. Overcoming the world – associated with this faithful obedience
- II. The Testimony Concerning Our Faith (5-10)
 - A. It all centers in on Jesus
 - B. The threefold testimony
 - 1. Spirit (of God): prophecy & affirmation
 - 2. Water: baptism – inauguration of ministry
 - 3. Blood: crucifixion/resurrection – completion of work
 - C. God the Father Himself testifies to and affirms the person and work of Jesus
 - 1. A rejection of Jesus is a rejection of a life properly oriented toward the divine
 - 2. An acceptance of Jesus is an acceptance of a life properly oriented toward the divine
- III. The Emergence of Life From Love (11-12)
 - A. The gift of God
 - 1. Eternal life
 - 2. Through His Son – Jesus
 - B. The presence of Jesus is life; the absence of Jesus is not life