
Essential Christianity: *Faith Is Awesome*

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Separating the Nuts and Bolts

Who's Who?

I Write – I Wrote

The Reality for All of God's Children

¹² "I am writing to you who are **God's children** because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus.

The Totality of Our Forgiveness

"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." **1 John 1:9, NLT**

I Can Be Forgiven and Still Feel Dirty.
But I Don't Have to Stay Dirty Any Longer Than It Takes
for Me to Say, "Father Forgive Me..."

The Source of Our Forgiveness

"And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ..." **1 John 3:23, NLT**

The Power of Faith

All Energy, in Need of Wisdom

^{13b} I am writing to you who are **young in the faith** because you have won your battle with the evil one... ^{14c} because you are strong. God's word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one."

You Have Overcome

Let's Get This Settled Once for All:
Grace and Faith Beats Satan Every Time

"Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence." *Ephesians 3:12, NLT*

You Are Strong

"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." *1 Peter 5:8, NLT*

The Only Battles I Lose Today Are the Ones
I Choose to Lose

The Word of God "Lives" in You

Don't Waste Your Time Duking It Out with Satan.
Stab Him with The Sword of The Spirit

"Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." *Ephesians 6:17, NLT*

Does Age Grant Wisdom and Maturity?

¹³ I am writing to you who are **mature in the faith** because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning... ^{14b} I have written to you who are **mature in the faith** because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning.

All these Things Above Belong to You:

Only If I Learned from The Failures of My Past

It Is Not Failing If I Get Back Up Again
I Just Fell