

Real Faith Stands Firm in the Truth!
Real Faith: Faith That Shows Up Every Day! Pt. 3

1 John 2:12–27; 4:1–6
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1 John 1:7, *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

1 John 1:9, *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 2:1, *My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

1 John 2:24, *As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.*

How to Stand Firm in the Truth:

1. Remember Your IDENTITY

1 John 2:12, *I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.*

13 *I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. 14* *I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.*

2 Corinthians 5:17, *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

1 Peter 2:9, *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

Romans 8:1, *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,*

2. Reject the World's PULL

1 John 2:15, *Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16* *For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17* *The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*

Luke 4:13, *When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.*

Romans 12:2, *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Matthew 6:19, *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20* *But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21* *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

3. Recognize False TEACHERS

1 John 2:18, *Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is*

the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. **20** But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. **21** I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. **22** Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. **23** No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

Matthew 7:15, “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.”

Galatians 1:8, But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse!

Acts 20:29, I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. **30** Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

4. Remain in the TRUTH

1 John 2:24, As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. **25** And this is what he promised us—eternal life. **26** I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. **27** As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

2 Timothy 3:14, But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, **15** and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 10:23, Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

John 15:4, Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **5** “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”