1 John 5:1-12

As Children of God...

1. We have victory in Christ (v. 4-5)

John 3:3-4  
John 3:16-18  
Colossians 2:13-15 (ESV)

2. We display the fruit of our victory (v. 1-3)

1) Faith (v. 1)  
2) Love (v. 1-2)  
3) Obedience (v. 3)

3. We hope in and declare the testimony of our victory (v. 6-12)

John highlights 3 witnesses to the Deity and Lordship of Jesus (v. 6-8):

1) The Water (Jesus’ baptism)

Matthew 3:16-17

2) The Blood (Jesus’ crucifixion)

At the crucifixion of Jesus:
- Darkness covered the land for 3 hours (Matthew 27:45)  
- The earth shook (Matthew 27:51)  
- The curtain in the temple was torn in two (Matthew 27:51)  
- Many faithful dead were raised to life (Matthew 27:52-53)

3) The Holy Spirit

The Spirit testifies:
- At Jesus’ Baptism (John 1:32-34)  
- In the inspired authors of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20)  
- Through the preaching of the word (1 Corinthians 2)  
- Internally to believers (John 16; Romans 8)

John 3:36