

Flag Branch Missionary Baptist Church
Baptist Training Union

1st, 2nd and 3rd John
How Should A Christian Live

Study 10 – Belief, Obedience and God’s Witness: – 1 John 5:1–121

1. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.
2. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.
3. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.
4. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—[a]our faith.
5. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
6. This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.
7. For there are three that bear witness [b]in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.
8. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.
9. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of [c]God which He has testified of His Son.
10. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.
11. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
12. He who has the Son has [d]life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
 - a. 1 John 5:4 M *your*
 - b. 1 John 5:7 NU, M omit the words from *in heaven* (v. 7) through *on earth* (v. 8). Only 4 or 5 very late mss. contain these words in Greek.
 - c. 1 John 5:9 NU *God, that*
 - d. 1 John 5:12 Or *the life*

Discussion

- A. What is “the Christ”? Why should we believe Jesus of Nazareth is “the Christ”. Why is this believe a sign a person is “born of God”. Who do those “born of God” love? v. 1
- B. How do we know that we love the children of God? What are the two things revealed in v. 1 and 2 that indicate a person is truly “born of God”. v. 2
- C. How is a person’s love for God expressed? Which, if any, of God’s commands seems to be grievous, burdensome or difficult to obey? Why? v. 3.
- D. What does John mean by someone “overcoming the world”? Explain how “faith” enables one to overcome the world. v. 4.
- E. What is the faith the overcomes the world? Explain how this faith is essential in overcoming the world. v. 5.
- F. What is significant about Jesus’s baptism and death establishing His identity? Why did He submit to baptism? Why was His death necessary? What is the Spirit’s role? v. 6.
- G. How would you define/describe a witness? Who are the witnesses in v. 7 and in v. 8? What is their testimony? v. 7-8.
- H. How would you summarize God’s testimony through His witnesses concerning His Son? Compare the strength of it to the witness and testimony of men. v. 9
- I. Why are you willing to believe God’s testimony according to John? Why do think so many other are not? v. 9
- J. What witness or testimony does John say believers have within them? What is the effect of not believing God’s testimony? v. 10.
- K. What is the meaning and purpose of God’s testimony? What is the means through which the meaning and purpose of God’s testimony is realized? v. 11
- L. How can or does a person “have the Son”? Having the Son also means having “the life”. What is “the life” and how is different from any other life? v. 12