

# The Overcomers

1 John 5:1-5



<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been **born of God**, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been **born of him**.

<sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

<sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

<sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been **born of God** OVERCOMES the world. And this is the VICTORY that has OVERCOME the world—OUR FAITH.

<sup>5</sup>Who is it that OVERCOMEES the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? - 1 John 5:1-5 ESV



Aim

**Faith in Christ overcomes our  
reluctance to love people**



Aim (alt)

Depends on



Love for people is **contingent** on, and is **consequent** to, genuine faith in Jesus Christ.



Follows on

# Context

*We love because he first loved us.*

*– 1 John 4:19*

# Limits of Natural “Love”

*“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.*

*And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. - Luke 6:32–33(ESV)*

# God's Unbounded Non-Conditional Love

*For if **while we were enemies** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. - Romans 5:10(ESV cf 5:8 )*

*But I say to you, **Love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you... - Matthew 5:44 (ESV)*

# Expected Imitation of God's Love

*By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” - John 13:35(ESV)*



## Verse 1

*Everyone who **believes** that **Jesus is the Christ** has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. - 1 John 5:1(ESV)*

# Jesus is the CHRIST

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= Greek Christ

= Hebrew Messiah

= English **Anointed**

*Andrew to Simon:*

*"We have found the Messiah" - John 1:41(ESV) .*

*Simeon "my eyes have seen your salvation" – Luke  
2:30*



# Born of God

*But to all who **did receive** him, **who believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were **born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God**. - John 1:12–13(ESV)*

## Born of God (continued)

*...“How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”*

*... That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

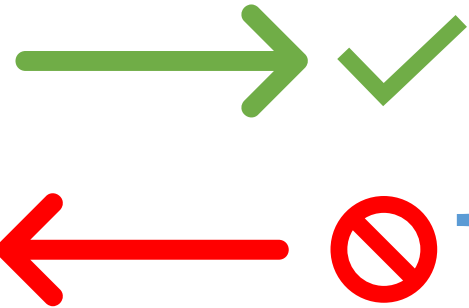
*- John 3:4–6(ESV)*

# Love for Other so Born

*...and everyone who loves the Father loves  
whoever has been born of him. – 1 John 5:1b*

# V1 Signs of those Born of God

Born of God  
(the second birth)



Believe Jesus is the  
Messiah

Love others who are  
born of God

## Vs 2 Sign of the Second Birth

*By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. - 1 John 5:2 (ESV)*

Obeying God's  
commands



Love toward others

# Vs 1-2 – Signs of Second Birth

Born of God



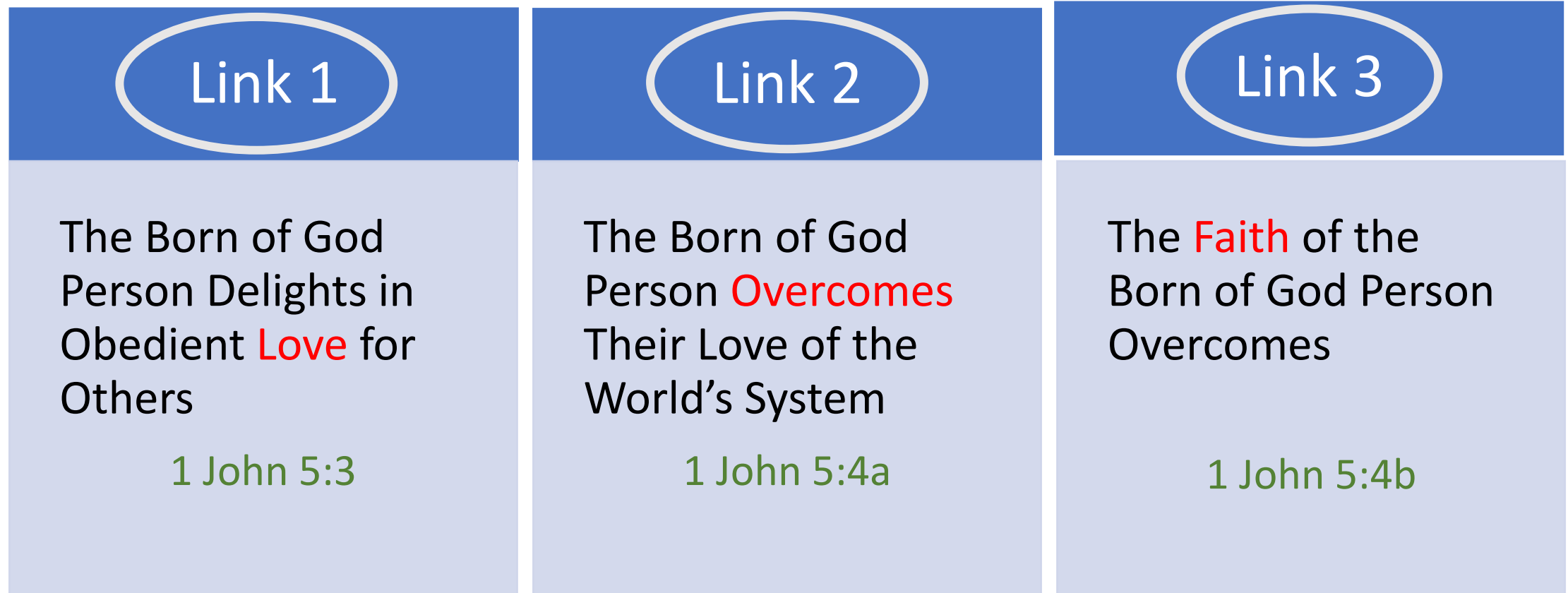
Believe in Christ

Love the Father

Love toward others



# Vs 3-5 How We Love Obediently



**Effect**

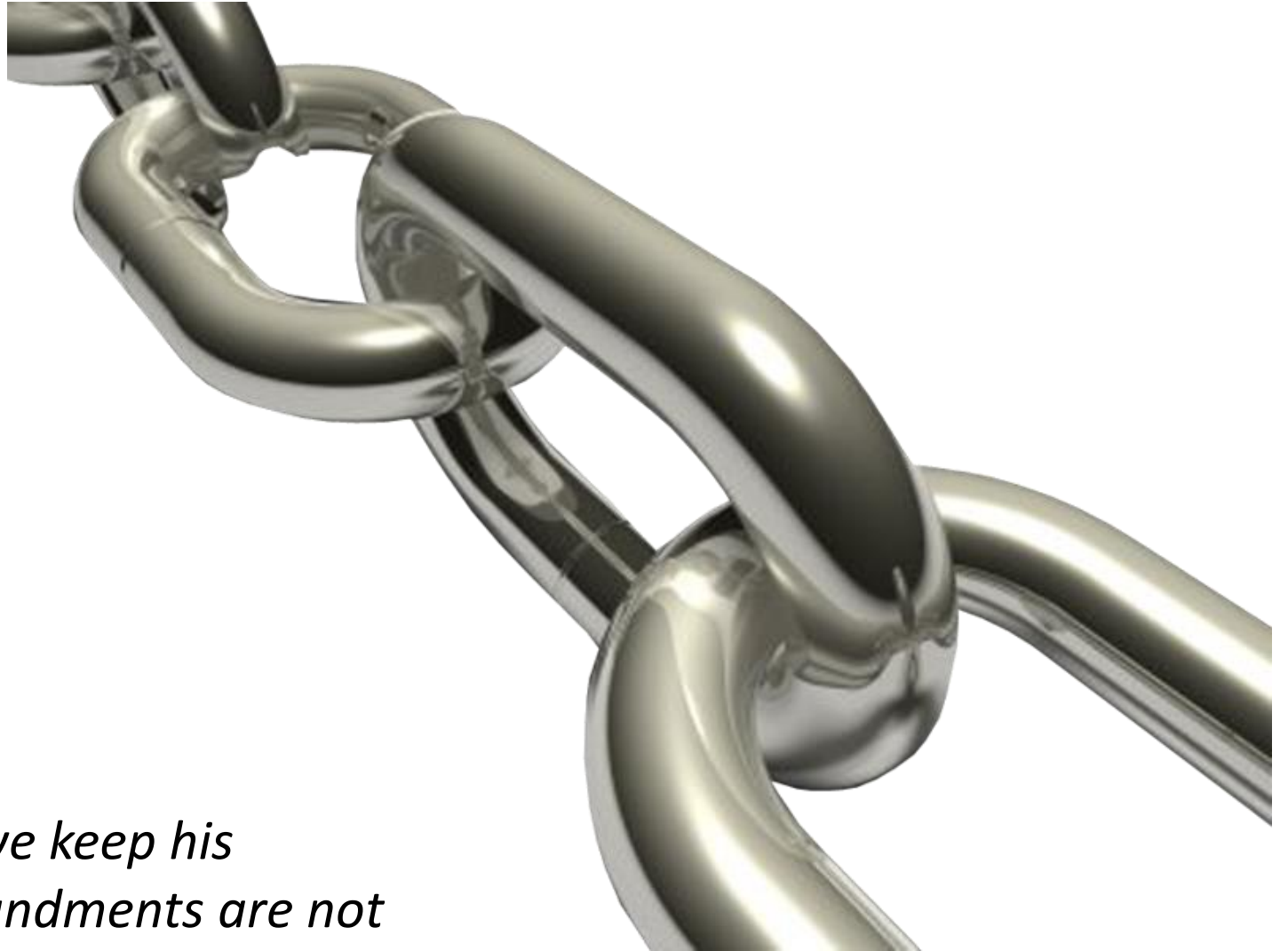


**Cause**

## Link 1

The Born of God  
Person Delights in  
Obedient **Love** for  
Others

*For this is the love of God, that we keep his  
commandments. And his commandments are not  
burdensome – 1 John 5:3*



## Link 2

The Born of God  
Person **Overcomes**  
Their Love of the  
World's System

*For everyone who has been born of God overcomes  
the world. – 1 John 5:4a*



# Love not the World

*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

***For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.***

*And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

*– 1 John 2:15-17*

## Link 3

The **Faith** of the  
Born of God  
Person Overcomes

*And this is the victory [Neekay] that has overcome  
the world—our faith. – 1 John 5:4b*





# Faith

- Includes facts, but is not merely acknowledgement of facts
- Faith is an active trust
- Faith sees Christ as supremely valuable
- Faith is a Gift granted by God (Eph 2:8)



## Summary – The Person Born of God...

- believes Jesus is the Christ (v1)
- loves God the Father (v1)
- loves his brothers and sisters (v1)
- obeys God's commandments (v2-3)
- overcomes the world (v4-5)
- person possesses the key to Victory...Their Faith (v4-5)



## Aim

# Faith in Christ overcomes our reluctance to love people

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*

*This is the **great and first** commandment.*

*And a **second** is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

*On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

- Matthew 22:37–40(ESV)



# The Gospel

A wooden cross stands on a hilltop, silhouetted against a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm glow and long shadows across the landscape. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a clear, blue sky.

*Disease – Sin*

*Prognosis – Death, eternal separation from God*

*Prescription – Faith in Jesus Christ and his cross*