



WARRIOR'S HEART
BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM ONE MAN AT A TIME

BAND OF
BROTHERS
MEN'S MINISTRY

THURSDAYS, JAN 11 - MAY 2 @ 6:30-7:30A
IN-PERSON *The Loop Campus (Garden Room - 158)*
ONLINE (Zoom)

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

DISCOVERING TRUTHS FROM 1-3 JOHN

THE FAB 4 OF 1ST JOHN 5

DECLARATION // TESTIMONY // PRAYER // CERTAINTIES





REVIEW IN A FLASH!



REVIEW OF 1 JOHN 1-4

- **1 John 1**
 - ✓ Joy made complete.
 - ✓ God is light!
- **1 John 2**
 - ✓ Writing that you may not sin
 - ✓ Keeping God's commands
 - ✓ Don't love the world
 - ✓ The last hour / Antichrist & antichrists
 - ✓ Remain / Abide

REVIEW OF 1 JOHN 1-4, cont.

1 John 3

- Christians are God's children.
- Sin is lawlessness
- Don't be deceived
- Love one another!

1 John 4

- Test the spirits / spiritual warfare
- Love one another
- We love because He first loved us!



1 John 5:1-4

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of him. ² This is how we know that we love God's children: when we love God and obey his commands. ³ For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands. And his commands are not a burden, ⁴ because everyone who has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith.

Declaration – 1 John 5: 1-4



- 1st declaration – “Everyone who...” – vv. **1 -2**
 - Profess Christ, obey God, love (*agape*) your family.
- 2nd Declaration – “For this is what love...” – v. **3**
 - The fundamental proof that we love God and people is obedience to the Word of God!1
- 3rd Declaration – “Everyone who is born of God...” v. **4**
 - Every believer has overcome the world by their faith in Christ – salvation.
 - Every believer’s faith in Christ is the power to obey God’s commands – sanctification.
 - See also **1 John 3:9**; **Romans 8:37**; and **1 Corinthians 15:57**

1 John 5:5-13

⁵ Who is the one who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ Jesus Christ—he is the one who came by water and blood, not by water only, but by water and by blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify:^[c] ⁸ the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and these three are in agreement. ⁹ If we accept human testimony, God's testimony is greater, because it is God's testimony that he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ The one who believes in the Son of God has this testimony within himself. The one who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.



Testimony – 1 John 5: 5-13



- The testimony of the Spirit, the water, and the blood! – vv. **5-9**
 - Overcomers are those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
 - The water: the baptism of Jesus by which His public ministry was initiated.
 - See also **Matt. 3:13-17**; **Mark 1:9-11**; and **Luke 3:21-22**.
 - The blood: Christ's death on the cross which terminated His earthly ministry.
 - The Spirit: The Holy Spirit of God, 3rd person of the Trinity. **John 14:26**
- The testimony of truth v. the lies of the enemy – v. **10**
 - *“Yeah, I believe in God, I just don't believe that Jesus is God.”* – **Revelation 20:10**

Testimony – 1 John 5: 5-13



- The testimony of the Father – vv. **11-12**
 - Eternal life is a gift from God **AND** it is inseparable from the person of Jesus Christ!
 - See also **John 3:16-21, 36.**
- The reason for the testimony – v. **13**
 - ***“I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may have eternal life.”***

1 John 5: 14-17

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Prayer – 1 John 5: 14-17



- Confidence – vv. **14-15**

- Knowing His will – growth, *“according to His will”*
- Praying His will – application of growth, *“He hears us”*
- Receiving His will – the fruit of our growth, *“we know that what we have what we have asked of Him.”*

“ ‘But if it is God’s will for me to have a thing, then why should I pray about it?’ Because prayer is the way God wants His children to get what they need. God not only ordains the end, He ordains the means to the end-prayer. And the more you think about it the more wonderful this arrangement becomes. Prayer is really the thermometer of the spiritual life. God has ordained that I maintain a close walk with Him if I expect Him to meet my needs.”

- Warren Wiersbe

In regards to verse 16, remember that...

“Prayer according to God’s will is not only a resource for us that helps us to love one another, but prayer is also a resource whereby we can obtain help for our brothers and sisters in the faith and their needs.” – Thomas Constable

Prayer – 1 John 5: 14-17



- Contrast – vv. **16-17**
 - Sin not leading to death – When you see a family member doing these sin(s), pray for them! This is a concrete demonstration of our love for fellow family members.
 - Sin leading to death – see **Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 11:30; Hebrews 12:1-13**
 - See also **Leviticus 10:1-7; Numbers 16; Joshua 6-7; 2 Samuel 6.**

*“John explained that prayer should extend to the needs of others (cf. **1 Timothy 2:1**). He did this in order to clarify further what loving one’s brethren involves. The general subject of this verse is prayer for sinning Christian period we can clarify the sense of this verse and the next one by inserting the words “premature physical” before each instance of the word death.” -*

“In the case of sin leading to premature death, John revealed that prayer will not avert the consequences of that sin. Therefore praying in these situations will not help. However John did not say we should refrain from praying about these situations. We might not know if a sin is one that God will judge with premature death in such cases we can pray that God will bring his will to pass for a sinning Christian.”

“Many Christians have failed to realize that sinning always leads to some type of dying, even among Christians (Roman 6:23). While it is true that no Christian will ever experience the second death (eternal separation from God), we do normally experience the physical and spiritual (loss of fellowship) consequences of our sinning. The fact that we believers must all die physically, except for the raptured, is proof of this. Again, the exception is Christians whom God will translate when the Lord returns for his own.”

– Thomas Constable

1 John 5:18-21

18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not sin, but the one who is born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. **19** We know that we are of God, and the whole world is under the sway of the evil one. **20** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know the true one. We are in the true one—that is, in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

Certainties – 1 John 5: 18-21



- We know # 1 – v. **18**
 - The obedient believer who keeps himself away from sin!
 - Our new nature (**2 Corinthians 5:17**) cannot be touched by the adversary.
- We know # 2 – v. **19**
 - We are Christians living in the devil's world. See **John 15:18-21**. So, v. **21**.
- We know # 3 – v. **20**
 - Jesus Christ is the **ONLY** way to God! – **John 14:6**
- GUARD YOURSELF!!! – v. **21**
 - We become like the God or god we worship!

Discussion questions:

1. What is something 'you know' but don't live out? Why? What steps can you take to start living it out today?
2. **Briefly** give your testimony and **briefly** describe the biggest change(s) in your life since you came to Christ.
3. Practicing praying: at your tables, each man give one prayer request. Man # 1, give request and pray for that request, then man # 2, etc.
4. What was the biggest takeaway for you from this morning's study? What do you know now that you didn't know at the beginning of this series? How can you incorporate these into your life?