

Sermon Outline

Looking Ahead:

Feb. 26 “The Importance of God’s Testimony” (1 Jn. 5:6-12) – Pastor Phil Bubar

Mar. 5 “Having Assurance” (1 Jn. 5:13-15) – Pastor Corey Kugle

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February 19, 2023

“How to Identify a Real Christian”
Pastor Corey Kugle

1 John 5:1-5

Introduction

1. A Real Christian has faith in Jesus (v. 1a)

A. Believe that Jesus is the Christ

B. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born again (Jn. 1:12-13; 3:1-8; 1 Jn. 2:22-23)

2. A Real Christian loves and obeys (v. 1b-3)

A. Love for God and His children

i. The one who loves God loves His children too (1 Jn. 4:20)

ii. Love for God’s children is shown by loving God and obeying His commands (1 Jn. 3:23)

B. Obey God's commands

i. A mark/identifier of saving faith (Matt. 12:50; 1 Jn. 2:3-6)

ii. Shows love for God (1 Jn. 2:5; Jn. 14:15)

iii. Not burdensome (Deut. 30:11)

3. **A Real Christian overcomes the world** (v. 4-5)

A. Why the commandments of God are not burdensome

B. The world: all that is in opposition to God (1 Jn. 2:16)

C. Faith is the means/power by which the believer overcomes the world

i. Believe in the powerful Son of God (Jn. 16:33; Col. 2:15)

<p>* Go with the “<i>f.l.o.</i>” (faith, love, obedience) to <i>know</i> who is a real Christian.*</p>
