

## **Being born of God is the source of love.**

### **1 John 5: 1-5**

1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that 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 grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

## **Definitions**

The Christ- The anointed, the Messiah, the Son of God

Anointed- being chosen, consecrated, and empowered by God, often through the act of anointing with oil. This act symbolizes divine favor, setting the individual apart for a specific purpose, such as kings, priests, and prophets. The oil itself is a symbol of the Holy Spirit's presence and blessing.

Messiah- the anointed one chosen by God for a special purpose. In Judaism, it signifies a future king from the line of David who will deliver Israel and usher in a golden age. In Christianity, Jesus is identified as the Messiah, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies and bringing salvation to humanity.

- John's great emphasis has been on love, but he never wants anyone to believe he earns salvation by loving others. We are born of God when we put our trust on Jesus and on His saving work in our lives.

- We also understand that John was not talking about a mere intellectual assent to Jesus being Messiah (as even the demons might have, as described in James 2:19). Instead, he means a trust in and reliance on Jesus as Messiah.
- John makes it plain we must believe Jesus is the Christ. There are many, of a new-age sort of thinking, who believe Jesus had the “Christ-spirit” — as they claim also Confucius, Mohammed, Buddha and certain moderns did. But we would never say Jesus “has” the Christ — Jesus is the Christ.

every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. :: Being born of God also has these two effects.

- a. It is assumed that we will love God (**Him who begot us**), because we are born again into His family.
- b. But it is also assumed that we will love others who are **begotten of Him** — our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## The demonstration of God’s love.

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 grievous.

- A Christian who does not love God or keep His commandments is of little effective use in the body of Christ. This is true even though he or she might be involved in much ministry and hold an official position of service in the church.
- When our love and obedience for God grows cold, we do not only harm ourselves — we harm our brothers and sisters also. The damage is done, at the very least, because we are a “drag” on the spiritual progress of God’s people.
- If we will not love and obey God for our own sake, then we should at least do it out of love for others.

The one who says he loves God, yet walks in a lifestyle of conscious disobedience is like the believer who says he walks in fellowship with God, yet walks in darkness (as in 1 John 1:6) — he is lying.

John had the words of Jesus in mind: If you love Me, keep My commandments (John 14:15).

love for God will show itself in obedience. “Christians frequently attempt to turn love for God into a mushy emotional experience, but John does not allow this in his epistle.”

His commandments are not burdensome: Sometimes Christians feel very burdened by the commandments of God, yet John insists that they are not burdensome.

His commandments are not burdensome because when we are born again, we are given new hearts — hearts which by instinct wish to please God. As part of the New Covenant, the law of God has been written on the heart of every believer

**Jeremiah 31:33.**

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

## **Being born of God is the source of victory.**

**1 John 5: 4-5**

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God

Whatever is born of God overcomes the world: John begins with a principle that is so simple, yet so powerful — if we are born of God, we will overcome the world. The idea that anything born of God could be defeated by this world was strange to John and it should be strange to us.

This is the victory that overcometh the world; our faith: Since believing on Him is the key to being born of God (1 John 5:1), the key to victory is faith, not only an initial, “come-to-the-altar-and-get-born again” faith, but a consistently abiding faith, an ongoing reliance and trust upon Jesus Christ.

Vs 5 The life of abiding faith and trust in Jesus Christ is the life that overcomes the pressures and temptations of the world.

Quoting Spurgeon “Look at any Greek lexicon you like, and you will find that the word [faith or believe] does not merely mean to believe, but to trust, to confide in, to commit to, entrust with, and so forth; the very marrow of the meaning of faith is confidence in, reliance upon.”