



# 1 JOHN

## **Born of God** **(1 John 5:1-12)**

# 1 John 5:1-12 (ESV)

- 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 overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

# 1 John 5:1-12 (ESV)

- <sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.
- <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.
- <sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

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- <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.
- <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

# I. Faith in Jesus Christ →

## A.1. Being Born Again

- “Everyone who believes that **Jesus is the Christ** has been born of God” (1 John 5:1a).
- Messiah Yeshua (Jesus Christ)
- <sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “**But who do you say that I am?**” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For **flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.** (Matthew 16:13-17)
- Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

# I. Faith in Jesus Christ →

## A.2. Being Born Again

- “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been **born of God**” (1 John 5:1a).
- Jesus answered him [Nicodemus], “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

# I. Faith in Jesus Christ →

## B. Love for God

- “and everyone who **loves the Father** loves whoever has been born of him” (1 John 5:1b)
- “We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19).
- **The Shema:** <sup>4</sup> “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> **You shall love the LORD your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might (Deuteronomy 6:4-5).

# I. Faith in Jesus Christ →

## C. Love for Others

- “and everyone who loves the Father **loves whoever has been born of him**” (1 John 5:1b)
- **Fellowship:**
- “But if we **walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship** with one another” (1 John 1:7).

# I. Faith in Jesus Christ →

## D. Obedience to Commandments

- <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**. (1 John 5:2-3)
- And now, Israel, **what does the LORD your God require of you**, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? (Deuteronomy 10:12-13).
- Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light**. (Matthew 11:28-30).

# I. Faith in Jesus Christ →

## E. Victory Over the World

- <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 overcomes the world except the one who believes **that Jesus is the Son of God?** (1 John 5:4-5)
- *Pistis*: (Greek) “faith”
- Faith in the faithfulness of Jesus the Christ
- <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.** <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from **the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.** (Romans 8:37-39)

## II. Testify!

### A. God Has Given Us Eternal Life

- <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that **God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.** <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11-12)
- The Gospel, The “Good News”!
- Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

## II. Testify!

### B.1. The Testimony of the Water, Blood, and Spirit

- <sup>6</sup> This is he who came **by water and blood**—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. (1 John 5:6a)

Water	Blood
Baptism of Jesus	Crucifixion of Jesus
Purification	Redemption
Sacrament of Baptism	Sacrament of Communion

## II. Testify!

### B.2. The Testimony of the Water, Blood, and Spirit

- And **the Spirit is the one who testifies**, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. (1 John 5:6b-9)
- <sup>26</sup> But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, he will **teach you all things and bring to your remembrance** all that I have said to you. (John 14:26)

## II. Testify!

### C. The Testimony Found within Ourselves

- <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God has **the testimony in himself**. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. (1 John 5:10)
- <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because **he has given us of his Spirit**. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1 John 4:13-15)
- <sup>16</sup> **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.** (Romans 8:16)

**Let Us Pray**

