

BORN OF GOD

I John 5:1-5

Being born of God should affect our behavior.

I. WE LOVE THE FAMILY (1-2a)

A. OUR FATHER (1b)

- An appreciation and affection for the One who gave us life

B. OUR SIBLINGS (1c)

1. We love them as other children of God

- See I John 2:10-11; 3:10, 14, 17, 23; 4:7-8, 12, 20-21

2. We love them based upon their paternity not their desirability

3. We love them as brothers and sisters

C. OUR ASSURANCE (2a)

1. Stated positively: Love for God's children confirms our love for God

2. Stated negatively: If we cannot love God's children we should question our love for the Father.

II. WE OBEY THE FATHER (2b-3)

A. OBSERVING HIS COMMANDMENTS (2b)

- A diligent care to do as He commands because we love Him

(See John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 14)

B. KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS (3a)

- An attitude of honor and respect for His desires

(Note Ecc. 12:13)

C. ENJOYING HIS COMMANDMENTS (3b)

1. They do not crush, exhaust or restrict us

- See Matt. 11:28-30

2. An acceptance of His requirements as those which are wise and beneficial, even helpful

- See Psalm 119:14, 16, 24, 47, 97, 103

3. They are not considered oppressive or severe

- When we love someone, doing what they ask is not difficult

III. WE OVERCOME THE WORLD (4-5)

A. THE FACT (4a)

1. Born ones overcome the world
2. See Rom. 8:37 and I Cor. 15:57

“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.”

“ ... but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

B. OUR FAITH (4b)

1. That which is exercised and engaged at particular times
2. A faith that is not tested cannot be trusted
 - Note the examples in Hebrews 11

C. OUR FOCUS (5)

1. A Passion: The presently overcoming ones are particularly convinced about Jesus
2. A Position: Jesus is the Son of God
 - a. Virgin born - Luke 1:30-35
 - b. A sinless life - Heb. 4:15
 - c. Actual death and resurrection - I Cor. 15:3-4
 - d. Living in heaven today - Acts 1:9-11 with Phil. 2:9-11
3. The Point: A believer is an overcomer

CONCLUSION:

Believers should be behavers.

How is your belief behaving?

1. Do you love God and His family?
2. Are you obeying the Father?
3. Do you live in victory over the world?

How is your relationship with God today?

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