

1 John – part 6

1 John 5:1-5

Christ = the Anointed One from God, the promised Savior
born of God = child of God

if we love the Father, we must love all of His children

Love God, keep His Commandments

evidence of love (Jn 14:15, 1 Jn 2:3-4) changed nature
not burdensome

(Mt 11:28-30) ²⁸“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹“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. ³⁰“For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

come to Me, learn from Me, not go do/obey ~ Intimacy comes first

if His commands seem burdensome, we aren't doing it right

(Mal 1:13) ¹³You also say, ‘Oh, what a weariness!’ And you sneer at it,” Says the LORD of hosts. “And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; thus you bring an offering!

it will seem a weariness if your worship is religious rules/duty, not intimacy

(Ps 2:2-3) ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, ³“Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.”

it will seem like bondage if you are rebellious

(vs 4) natural outworking of new nature is overcoming the world

how? by Faith/Belief

believing is seeing ~ starting point

if you believe His ways work better, they won't be burdensome (blessing)

ex: revenge, immorality, self promotion,

1 John 5:6-9

Christ's credentials

Heaven: Father, Word, Holy Spirit

earth: Spirit, water (baptism), blood (cross)

1 John 5:10-13

confronted with Jesus, you must believe Him or call Him a liar

consequences: eternal life or God's wrath (vs 12, Jn 3:36)

you can know you have eternal life and need to continue to believe (eternal security)

1 John 5:14-15

Confidence

Ch 3 assured hearts, confidence toward God

Ch 4 boldness, fearlessness (perfected love)

if we are in His will we can have confidence of His help (believe it)

1 John 5:16-17

pray for sinning brothers for God to give them life
sin unto death = denying Christ

1 John 5:18-21

world is under the sway of Satan; we are born of God (new nature)
we can understand truth and know Him
we can keep ourselves from the wicked one and he can't touch us
God did His part (Lk 10:19) ~ authority of believer (believing is seeing)
Don't let anything (idols) get ahead of Jesus

(1Jn 5:1-21) ¹Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. ⁸And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. ⁹If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. ¹⁰He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

¹⁴Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. ¹⁶If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

¹⁸We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. ¹⁹We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. ²¹Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.