

Born of God

1 John 5:1a (NKJV)

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God

- All true believers are begotten by God
- Saving faith has theological content
- "Christ" means Anointed One, Messiah
- Jesus is the promised, anointed King

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Love the Begetter and Begotten

1 John 5:1b (NKJV)

and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

- This describes typical family love
- Since believers are born of God they should love their brothers and sisters

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Born of God in 1 John

- 1 John 2:29 (practices righteousness)
- 1 John 3:9 (does not practice sin)
- 1 John 4:7 (Loves God and Knows God)
- 1 John 5:1 (believes Jesus is the Christ)
- 1 John 5:4 (overcomes the world)
- 1 John 5:18 (does not sin, kept by God)

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Evidence of Christian Love

1 John 5:2 (NKJV)
By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

- Faith, love and obedience are interconnected
- This is fundamental Christian teaching

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Lawlessness	Abiding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1Jn 3:4 (sin is lawlessness) ▪ 1Jn 3:10, 14 (does not love Christians) ▪ 1Jn 4:3 (does not confess Christ) ▪ 1Jn 5:10, 12 (does not believe and does not have the Son) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1Jn 3:6, 9 (abides and sins not) ▪ 1Jn 3:24 (keeps His commands, has the Spirit) ▪ 1Jn 4:2, 15 (confesses Christ) ▪ 1Jn 4:16 (abides in love) ▪ 1Jn 5:12 (has the Son)
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No Onerous Burdens

1 John 5:3 (NKJV)
For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome

- Obeying Christ is a joy to believers
- “Burdensome” is used in Matt. 23:4
- The law of Christ is liberating, not oppressive

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Implications and Applications

- Regeneration and faith are true of all who trust Christ
- Faith, obedience and love go together
- We need to reject man-made religion and come to Christ

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Believers Are God's Children

John 1:12 (LEB)

But as many as received him—to those who believe in his name—he gave to them authority to become children of God,

- Most did not receive Christ (verse 11)
- There is always a believing remnant
- “Received” is linked to “fullness” and “grace upon grace” in vs. 16

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Supernatural Regeneration

John 1:13 (LEB)

who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a husband, but of God.

- Born not by natural human means
- Those who received Him (vs 12) those who believed (vs 12), and those born of God are the same group

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Faith, Obedience and Love

1Peter 1:22, 23 (LEB)

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for sincere brotherly love, love one another fervently from the heart, because you have been born again, not from perishable seed but imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

- “The truth” is the gospel; all these things are true of believers

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Christ Gives True Rest

Matthew 11:28 (LEB)

Come to me, all of you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

- “Burdened” means overloaded (Lk 11:46)
- Jesus’ offer of “rest” leads to Sabbath controversies in Matthew 12

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Jesus’ Yoke Is in Contrast to the Pharisees

Matthew 11:29, 30 (LEB)

Take my yoke on you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to carry and my burden is light.

- “Yoke” can mean law-works (Acts 15:10)
- Instead of “burdened” believers will “rest”

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