



**That You May Know Series, Part 14:
His Family Traits I John 5:1-5**
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Main Idea: Just as our family is revealed by our traits and conduct, true children of God are revealed by what they believe and how they live.

The traits of His family members are that they:

Believe Jesus is the Christ- V. 1

I John 5:1 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.

- Jesus is the Christ or Messiah- God who came down as man to save.
- The word “believes” is a verb of present and continuous action. The genuine believer continues beyond their initial confession.
- One cannot lose salvation, but one is not be saved by disingenuous statements or prayer.

Are Born of God- Vs. 1 & 4

I John 5:1 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... ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

- One evidences birth ‘of God’ first, by confession that Jesus is the Christ, and, secondly, by loving the Father and His children.
- John 3:7- “*You must be born again*” which is God transforming the heart.
- Belief is our response.
- Jesus did not come to make us nice. He came to make us God’s children.

Love the Father and His Family- Vs 1 & 2

I John 5:1 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. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

- The *sine qua non* (essential) for the authenticity of all good things Christians do is love.
- If I love God, I keep His commands, which includes loving others.
- Godly love is tied to obedience, unlike worldly love which is only emotional or physical.
- True love for others involves giving what is best for them, not always what they want.

Obey His Commands- Vs. 2-3

I John 5:2-3 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

- John 14:15- *If you love me, you will keep my commandments.* However, the Father's commands *are not burdensome.* "What you desire to do with your whole heart is not burdensome to do." (Piper, *Regeneration, Faith, Love*)
- Ps 119:47-*I delight in your commands, which I love.* Ps 1:1-2; 35:27; 37:4; 40:8; 112:1; 119:14, 16, 24, 35, 70, 77, 143, 174.

Overcome the World- V. 4

I John 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

- "The 'world'- *desires of the flesh, desires of the eyes and pride of life...* I John 2:16
- Overcome the world how? New birth and faith give us power to overcome the passions that enslaved us prior to salvation. I Corinthians 10:13

Believe Jesus is the Son of God- V. 5

I John 5:5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

- His family members continuously believe that Jesus is the Son of God. God became man not to condemn, but to save the world. John 3:16-18.
- The bad news of the condemnation of those who do not believe means there is good news: that goodness, righteousness and holiness exist and can be enjoyed eternally through salvation, simply by believing in Him. Why not choose to believe?

For Consideration:

1. Are you assured by a one-time past decision or ongoing confession of Jesus as Savior?
2. How does "new birth" relate to repentance and faith?
3. Why is it important to connect God's love and His commandments?
4. Is obedience a joy or a burden?
5. How do His children overcome the world?
6. What is the difference between faith in faith and faith in Jesus?