

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. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:1-5 (ESV)

I Love You

I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. How did this come to be true? When did I start loving you? How has my love for you been growing? How has loving you changed the entire course of my life? How are all my thoughts and words and actions being motivated by my love for you? How has loving you made it not burdensome for me to want to do what is good and right and pleasing to you? Why am I no longer so strongly pulled to think and speak act in ways that are not pleasing to you? I think about these questions. Do I deserve any credit for loving you? That seems like a silly question. Do I perfectly follow and obey you? That seems like an even dumber question. **You have however, asked some very good questions. I would like to hear some of your answers.** Maybe, I will start with my silly and dumb questions. **They are not as silly and dumb as you think.** I get that. Here goes. **I'm listening.** I don't deserve any credit for loving you. You have made it possible for me to love you. I only love you because you first love me. You drew me to yourself. You showed me your love. Your love has surrounded me. Your love has captured my heart and mind and life. I want to live in your love. You made it the desire of my heart to want to do what is good and right and pleasing to you. It is my joy to live my life with and for you. Even now, I do not perfectly follow and obey you. You will never catch me saying that I am not sinner. I still need your forgiveness and cleansing of all my unrighteousness. Yet, you keep me moving forward with you. **Yes, I do.** Every day you are molding and shaping my life. Moment by moment, you are changing me into the person you want me to become. **Yes, I am.** You never give up on me. **No, I do not.** **No, I will not.** I am the work of your hands. **Yes, you are.** This is an exciting journey. **Yes, it is.** It is my joy to walk with you through life. I have no idea exactly what you will do through my life. I do have an idea what you will do in my life? **What's that?** You will help me to live in your love. You will help me to love you. You will help me to love others. You will help me to do what is good and right and pleasing to you. **Yes, I will.** I am so thankful that you are working in and through me. It is my joy to love and follow and obey you. **That is very good.**

Lord, I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. It is my passionate desire to do what is good and right and pleasing to you. Help me to live in your love. Help me to joyously follow and obey you. Help me to completely love others with your love. Amen

Becoming Like Christ

Born Of God

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

NIV

1 John 5:1-5

Becoming Like Christ

Become A Child Of God

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

NLT

1 John 5:1-5

Becoming Like Christ

Born Of God

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

NRSV

1 John 5:1-5

Becoming Like Christ

Child Of God

EVERYONE WHO believes (adheres to, trusts, and relies on the fact) that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah) is a born-again child of God; and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of Him (His offspring). By this we come to know (recognize and understand) that we love the children of God; when we love God and obey His commands (orders, charges)—[when we keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and His teaching]. For the [true] love of God is this: that we do His commands [Keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous). For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith. Who is it that is victorious over [that conquers] the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on that fact]?

AMP

1 John 5:1-5

Becoming Like Christ

Born Of God

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

NASB

1 John 5:1-5

Becoming Like Christ

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ESV

1 John 5:1-5

Becoming Like Christ

Born Of God

Whoever 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. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

NKJV

1 John 5:1-5

Becoming Like Christ

God Begotten

Every person who believes that Jesus is, in fact, the Messiah, is God-begotten. If we love the One who conceives the child, we'll surely love the child who was conceived. The reality test on whether or not we love God's children is this: Do we love God? Do we keep his commands? The proof that we love God comes when we keep his commandments and they are not at all troublesome. Every God-begotten person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith. The person who wins out over the world's ways is simply the one who believes Jesus is the Son of God.

MSG

1 John 5:1-5

Becoming Like Christ

Child Of God

If you believe that Jesus is the Christ—that he is God's Son and your Savior—then you are a child of God. And all who love the Father love his children too. So you can find out how much you love God's children—your brothers and sisters in the Lord—by how much you love and obey God. Loving God means doing what he tells us to do, and really, that isn't hard at all; for every child of God can obey him, defeating sin and evil pleasure by trusting Christ to help him. But who could possibly fight and win this battle except by believing that Jesus is truly the Son of God?

TLB

1 John 5:1-5

Becoming Like Christ

God's Child

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is God's child, and whoever loves the Father also loves the Father's children. This is how we know we love God's children: when we love God and obey his commands. Loving God means obeying his commands. And God's commands are not too hard for us, because everyone who is a child of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world—our faith. So the one who wins against the world is the person who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

NCV

1 John 5:1-5

Born Of God

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – 1 John 5:1-5

In Context: Read 1 John 5

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: (***What is God speaking to your heart?***)

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Considering The Words:

(***What words speak to your heart?***)

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Praying The Scripture:

(***What prayer from your heart will you write?***)

Lord, I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. It is my passionate desire to do what is good and right and pleasing to you. Help me to live in your love. Help me to joyously follow and obey you. Help me to completely love others with your love. Amen

What It Means:

(***What questions speak to your heart?***)

(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

How has believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord changed the entire course of your life?

How is your love for God motivating your passionate desire to obey His commandments?

Why has your love for God made it not burdensome for you to obey His commandments?

How has your love for God given you a passionate desire to love others with His love?

How is your belief in and love for God giving you the desire and power to overcome the world?

How is God making you able to overcome the world and demonstrate His love to others?

What joy do you have in living your life with God's love living in and through you?

Living It Out:

(***What action step is God guiding your heart to take?***)

Allow your love for God to motivate your passionate desire to obey His commandments.

Seeing It Happen:

(***What are you trusting God for in your heart?***)

Have faith that the Lord will make you able to obey His commandments as you continue to love Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(***What can you share with others from your heart?***)

Share with another person or your small group why it is not burdensome for you to obey God's commands.

Close With Prayer:

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration...

Thanksgiving...

Confession...

Intercession...

Petition...

Journal*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)**May you passionately love God and obey His commands.*

Prayer To Carry*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)**Lord, I will love you and obey your commands.*

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)**Lord, how can I love you and obey your commands today?*
