

## 1 Jn. 5:1-5

- I. Tests if one has eternal life (1-2)
  - A. Tests for being born from God (1)
    - 1. Everyone truly believing in Christ has been born from God (1a-c)
      - a Everyone truly believing in Christ (1a-b)
        - 1) Everyone believing (1a)
        - 2) That Jesus is the Christ (1b)
      - b This one has been born from God (1c)
    - 2. Loving God is connected with loving His people (1d-e)
      - a And everyone loving the one giving birth (1d)
      - b This one also loves the one having been born from Him (1e)
  - B. Tests for loving God & His Children (2)
    - 1. This is how we know we love God's children (2a-b)
      - a In this we are knowing (2a)
      - b That we are loving the children of God (2b)
    - 2. When we love and obey God the Father (2c-d)
      - a When we are loving God (2c)
      - b And we are doing His commands (2d)
- II. The one truly believing in Christ overcomes in all these things (3-5)
  - A. Loving God results in keeping His commands (3a-b)
    - 1. For this is the love of God (3a)
    - 2. That we are keeping His commands (3b)
  - B. Because victory is the natural experience of the genuine believer (3c-5)
    - 1. Victory produces ability to keep His commands (3c-4b)
      - a And His commands are not difficult to carry out (3c)
      - b Because everyone born from God overcomes (4a-b)
        - 1) Because everyone having been born from God (4a)
        - 2) This one has overcome the world (4b)
    - 2. Victory consists in truly believing in Jesus (4c-5)
      - a And the victory/overcoming that overcomes the world is this: our faith (4c)
      - b Those who truly believe in Jesus are the ones who overcome (5)
        - 1) Who is the one overcoming the world? (5a)
        - 2) Only those that believe Jesus is the Son of God overcome (5b-d)
          - a) Except those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God (5b-c)
            - (1) Except the one believing (5b)
            - (2) That Jesus is the Son of God (5c)
          - b) [this one overcomes the world] (5d)