

FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 5:1-12

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Love, Honor and Obey” - Part 1

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us;
and truly our fellowship is with the Father
and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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The Believer’s Relationship to God and Brother

INTRODUCTION:

The Reading of the Text

vv. 1-12

Summation Sentence of Text

In Camelot at the Gathering of the Knights of the Roundtable, King Arthur would place his right hand on the right shoulder of one of his knights and pledge...

“BROTHER TO BROTHER
YOURS IN LIFE AND DEATH”

It Matters What You Believe!!!

What we **believe** becomes the object of our **faith**.
That faith naturally produces a **love** for what we believe.
That **love** and devotion that we have, keeps us **faithful** to what we **believe**.

1.) *The believer's love*

vv. 1-3

a.) *We will love other Christians*

v. 1

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.

Whoever believes that Jesus is
the Christ – *not a christ*

Here the definite article appears meaning that Jesus is **THE** Christ
and there are no others. He is not an anointed one, but **THE**
anointed one once and for all.

Matthew 16:16

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are **the** Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:20

Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus **the**
Christ.

John 4:42

Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we
ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed **the** Christ, the Savior of the
world."

John 20:31

but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is **the** Christ, the Son of God, and
that believing you may have life in His name.

The “Whoever”

Here in the Greek language is the Greek word “pas” which means a “whoever so will” meaning that if you want to, you can. It’s an open invitation to come and be a whoever.

The believer’s love *We will love other Christians*

Verse 1

believes that Jesus is the Christ

Genuine, True Faith that leads to Conversion,
which results in Transformation.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

CONVERSION, WHICH TRANSFORMS

The Gospel is Illustrated as Being New Wine

Matthew 9:17

No one puts new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the new wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, so that both are preserved."

CONVERSION IS NEEDED

Verse 1

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

Loving The Brethren

Sounds very easy until you try it in your own strength

REAL CONVERSION AND TRANSFORMATION
IS DETECTABLE THROUGH THE LOVE (ING) OF ONE ANOTHER.

If God's Love is in Me
Then You Will Be Loved by Me

2 Peter 1:4

...that you may be partakers of the divine nature = Love

1 John 3:18

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

The believer's love
We will love other Christians

b.) We will keep his commandments

v. 2

By this we know that we **love** the children of God,
when we **love** God and **keep** His commandments

John 13:34

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

By this we know

I John 2:3

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

I John 3:16

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

I John 3:19, 21

And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him... we have confidence toward God.

What We Once Were Without God

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in **the sons of disobedience**, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature **children of wrath**, just as the others.

***The believer's love
We will love other Christians
We will keep his commandments***

c.) His commandments become our pleasure

v. 3

For this is the love of God, that we **keep** His commandments.
And His commandments are not burdensome.

For this is the love of God...

Keep his commands

&

We embrace them

Our New Natural Obedience to His Commandments
Shows Others That We are Real in the Faith

James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Verse 3

That we **keep** His commandments

(From the moment of our conversion, we keep on keeping because of our new nature)

And His commandments are not burdensome.

Creation Obey's His Every Word

Psalm 148:7-8

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths; 8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

Obedience is a Family Matter

Meaning that:

We have been given a divine ability to keep His commandments. Having received from Him a divine "wanna"

Romans 7:19-22

For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-- this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin

living in me that does it. 21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law;

THE MORE WE LOVE GOD, THE MORE WE WANT TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

Matthew 11:28-30

"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."

1.) *The believer's love*

vv. 1-3

2.) *The Believer's Faith*

vv. 4-5

Our Faith is an Overcoming Faith

Hebrews 11:4-40

Hebrews 11:33-39

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-- 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith...

a.) *We will overcome through faith*

v. 4

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

The Believer's Faith

b.) We will overcome by faith

v. 4b

And this is the victory that has overcome the world
-- **our faith.**

Victory grk 3529 nike (nee'-kay);

To be the victor, the conquest, the means of success is victory

Nike

(Nee' kay)

Meaning That We Have Already Become Victor's and that We Compete from The Position of Having Already been declared the champion!

WHAT NIKE DOES

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Evil Must Bow to Us

Romans 6:13-14

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Faith Must Overcome Darkness

Romans 10:9-17

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The Believer's Faith
We will overcome through faith
We will overcome by faith

c.) *We will overcome in faith*

v. 5

Who is he who overcomes the world?
but he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God?

Who is he who (overcomes) the world?

A contender who fights a fight, gets bruised, gets cut, feels the aches and pains but continues the struggle until he reaches what was already his.

A Soldier who once knew Abraham Lincoln

(wiersbe, vol. 2 pg.526)

Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to **contend earnestly** for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Personal Encouragement for the Believer

Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

3.) *The Believer's Witness*

vv. 6-12

a.) *The trinity in heaven*

v. 6-8

This 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. 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

There are Two General Opinions Regarding this Text

#1

Being Baptized in Water at the Jordan River and in Blood at his cross

#2

Being the Water that Flowed from his side as well as Blood at the cross

And Then There's My Opinion

#3

Being born into this world through water, the blood meaning
His earthly flesh

((as in flesh and blood))

Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:18

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Was Born a Human Through The Divine
Conception
of The Virgin Mary

There He remained The
Appointed 9 Months

>> In Water <<

Known as The (Amnos) Amniotic Fluid

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Lamb grk 286 amnos (am-nos')

is a lamb already dedicated to be sacrificed

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The (amnos) Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

That's Why Jesus Said to Nic...

John 3:5-7

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Verse 7

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

The Trinity or Tri-Unity of the Godhead

1x

Philippians 4:20

Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

1x

Titus 2:13

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great **God** and our Savior **Jesus** Christ;

1x

Acts 5:3-4

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the **Holy Spirit**... 5 You have not lied to men but to **God**."

1x1x1=1

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in **the name** (singular) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

b.) The witness of heaven

v. 9-10

If 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. 10 He 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.

In God's Rule of Law...

Deuteronomy 19:15

...by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

We have an inner witness to the truth

c.) The testimony of God

v. 11-12

And this is the testimony:
that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**The Christian knows
that he has God's life in him.**