FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 5:1-12

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"Love, Honor and Obey"

Part II

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."

TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

The Believer's Relationship to God and Brother

Summation Sentence of Text

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**.

The Believer's Relationship
to God and to his Brother is Paramount

John 13:34-35
"A new commandment I give to you, that **you love one another**; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. [35] **By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

The Most Effective Evangelistic Method
Is the method of Love

Ephesians 4:15a
speak the truth in love…

1.) The believer's love *vv. 1-3*

1a.) 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.

The Doctrine
Whoever believes that Jesus is
the Christ – *not a Christ*

Verse 1

believes that Jesus is the Christ

Genuine, True Faith that leads to Conversion,

Which results in Transformation

"The Gospel" is Illustrated as Being the New Wine

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

TRUE 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

The believer's love
We will love other Christians

1b.) 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

Loving God Leads to Honoring God

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.

The Commandments of God

Are holy, just and true and we strive at keeping them not because we'll be accepted by God for the keeping of them, but now that we know God personally - - we love all that He is about!

1c.) 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

&

and we embrace them

Loving God Leads to **Honoring** God
Which Naturally Rs to **Obeying** God

His commandments become our pleasure

Verse 3

And His commandments are not burdensome.

Psalm 1:1-2a
Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2 **But his delight is in the law of the LORD**…

God's Law's are Liberating and Freeing

Psalm 40:8
I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."

Delight
The most favorite thing, my pleasure, my desire

Psalm 119:174
I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

EVEN ALL OF CREATION OBEYS THE LORD

Psalm 150:6
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

I Don't Think
Giraffes complain about their necks

I Don't Think
Hippos complain about their weight

I Don't Think
Cheetahs complain about their spots

But I Do Think
Ever Since The Garden of Eden Disaster
The **Snake** has complained about not having a leg to stand on !

Creation Obey's His Every Word…

Psalm 148:1-14

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! [2] Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! [3] Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light! [4] Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! [5] Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created. [6] He also established them forever and ever; he made a decree which shall not pass away. [7] 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; [9] Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars; [10] Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl; [11] Kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth; [12] Both young men and maidens; old men and children. [13] Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; his glory is above the earth and heaven. [14] And He has exalted the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints-- of the children of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

THE MORE WE LOVE GOD,

THE MORE WE WANT TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

IN THE CATECHISM OF THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION
IT STATES;

"The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever"

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."

Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

1.) The Believer's love vv. 1-3

2.) The Believer's Faith vv. 4-5

Our Faith
is an Overcoming Faith

2a.) We will overcome through faith v.4a

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world

Turn to Hebrews 11:33

Hebrews 11:33-39a
who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions 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…

Romans 1:17
For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, **"The just shall live by faith."**

The Believer's Faith

2b.) We will overcome by faith v.4b

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

Like an Olympic Sprinter,

That athlete has come to have faith in his power, his speed, his endurance by his training, his discipline, and his experience so that by the time he enters those starting blocks, he believes that he will win…

That Sprinter, at that point, believes that he will overcome, **by faith**,
Because at that moment after all the preparation is done, and when there is no more time remaining to make ready he goes with what he knows…

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 Always 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 Always 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

2c.) 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.

1 Timothy 6:12a
Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life !!!

2 Timothy 4:7-8
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

The Book of Revelation

tells us that those who become Christians during the tribulation period will be required to die for their faith in Jesus Christ

Revelation 12:11
And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

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.

A poor solider who once knew Abraham Lincoln was a rich solider and didn't even know it

(wiersbe, vol. 2 pg.526)

1.) The Believer's love	***vv. 1-3***

2.) The Believer's Faith	***vv. 4-5***

3.) The Believer's Witness	***vv. 6-12***

3a.) The Trinity in heaven	***v.6***

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

There 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, and the blood meaning His earthly flesh offered upon the cross

Jesus' Conception was of Divine means

But Jesus' Birth was of a Human Nature

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.**

Luke 2:11
"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

John 18:37a
Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. **For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world…**

Mark 1:38
But Jesus said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also,
because for this purpose I have come."

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

JUST MY OPINION

There He remained The Appointed 9 Months

>> In Water <<

Known as The (Amnos) Amniotic Fluid

Our world, before entering this one,

was a water-world. We were nurtured, protected, raised, in precious. Life giving aqueous solution known as “Amnos Solution” or Amniotic Fluid”

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!

Lamb **GRK 286 amnos (am-nos')**

a lamb dedicated (to be sacrificed)

Acts 8:32
The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a **amnos (am-nos') lamb** before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

That’s Why Jesus Said to Nic..

John 3:5-7 KJV
…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.

{This verse was not found in ancient manuscripts prior to the tenth (10th.) century that we know of. However, it was present during the time when the king James translators produced the Bible in English and those translators argued that the text was faithful to the doctrine of the trinity}

The Variation here in verse 7 does nothing to the biblical doctrine

John 1:1,14
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God…
14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us…

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 5:3a, 4b
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,

3b.) 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

Romans 8:16 ESV
The Holy Spirit Himself bears witness with our human spirit
that we are children of God,

3c.) 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

End of Study

Yo Jack, Never Forget this Grave Warning…

"My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, Instructors in the word, knowing that those who do teach the Bible shall receive a stricter judgment in the end when they stand before God."

- James 3:1