

First John

1 Jn. 5:1-5



1 Jn. 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?



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(1) How we know we love God personally
– we love God's people, 5:1

1 Jn. 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

Jn. 20:31 But these are written, **that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;** and that believing ye might have life through his name.



(2) How we know we love God's people –
we love God personally, 5:2

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


- If we love God, we keep His commandments, one of which is to love the brethren.

Jn. 13:35 By this shall all men **know that ye are my disciples**, if ye have love one to another.

b. Our attitude toward God's challenge, 5:3-5

(1) To obey the Word, 5:3

1 Jn. 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.



Jn. 14:15 **If ye love me**, keep my commandments. ...

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, **he it is that loveth me**: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. ...

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words**: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 **He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings**: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Original Word: βαρύς

Transliteration: barus

Definition: heavy, weighty, burdensome, lit. and met; violent, oppressive.

barýs – (an adjective, also used substantively) – properly, heavy (weighty); (figuratively) what is grievous (burdensome), *pressing down* on a person with oppressive force. Such a grievous burden makes a person unable to function (enjoy free movement).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/926.htm>

Mt. 11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

1 Jn. 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Eph. 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And **to know the love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.



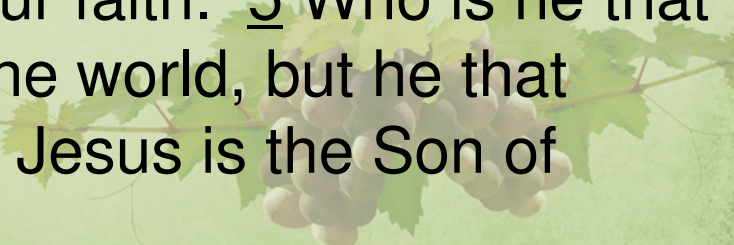
(2) To overcome the world, 5:4-5

(a) Victory expected, 5:4a “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world...”

Rom. 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors **through him that loved us.**

1 Cor. 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory **through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(b) Victory explained, 5:4b-5 “...and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”





Conclusion

Jn. 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should **do as I have done to you.**

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, **happy are ye if ye do them.** ...

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; **as I have loved you**, that ye also love one another.

35 By this **shall all men know that ye are my disciples**, if ye have love one to another.