

1 John 5:1-5

^{1(A)} Everyone who believes that ^(B) Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and ^(C) everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ^{2(D)} By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For ^(E) this is the love of God, that we ^(F) keep his commandments. And ^(G) his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For ^(H) everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—^(I) our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes ^(J) that Jesus is the Son of God?

Introduction

1. How much of a “strong willed child” were you growing up? On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being high, how would you rate your self in being obedient to your parents? (be realistic!). Why did you rate it that way?
2. What impacted you from this weekends teaching on 1 John?
3. What steps of greater obedience in your life have you taken during the 1 John study? How has this impacted how you treat others?
4. Some might describe their walk with Christ like this: “I am consistently obedient.” Others might say, “I’m reluctantly obedient.” How would you complete this sentence and why: I am _____ **obedient.**

Observations from the text

5. Circle “everyone” each time it appears in the text above. From the text, fill in the following:

- a. Everyone who _____ is

- b. Everyone who _____ has

- c. Everyone who _____ overcomes

6. How do we know if we love the children of God?

7. How would you paraphrase verse 3?

8. How does our faith “overcome the world”?

Applications from the text

9. Read **Psalm 119: 9 – 16**. Open in pray that the truths of this Psalm would be exhibited in our lives individually and corporately as a small group.

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

¹²Blessed are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

¹³With my lips I^l declare

all the rules of your mouth.

¹⁴In the way of your testimonies I delight

as much as in all riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts

and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

10. Read **1 John 5: 1-5**. Verse 2 gives us the charge that loving the Children of God is evidenced by obeying his commandments. Practically speaking, what does this look like in your life? Where do you have victory and where do you struggle living this out?

11. Verse 3 simply explains the love of God – keeping his commandments. Which is easier for you to do: say that you love God or obey his commandments? Do you struggle with both? Why or why not?

12. What commandments seem burdensome and why?

13. What keeps us from “joyful obedience”?

14. Review your answer to question number 4. How did you complete that sentence? What areas of your life do you need to be more joyful and obedient? Be specific. How can your small group help you walk in joyful obedience?

