

## 1 John 5

1. Why should we not believe every spirit, but test the spirits?

-Because there are many lies and much false teaching in the world.

2. According to I John 4:2-3, how do we test the spirits?

-Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

-Every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

3. Why should a Christian not be afraid of Satan?

-Because Christ in us is greater than Satan.

4. Even if we cannot love some of our brothers and sisters, is the love of God in us able to do so?

-Yes.

5. How do we best see God in ourselves and in others?

-By the love of God in us.

6. How is people's love not like God's love?

-People's love is based on what other people do or do not do to them.

-God's love, however, is based on Himself, His goodness, His righteousness, and His holiness.

7. How are we Christians like Jesus?

-Just as Christ and the Father are one, we are also one

with Christ and the Father.

-Just as God the Holy Spirit lived in Christ, God the Holy Spirit lives in all Christians.

-Just as the world and Satan are against Christ, Satan and the world are against Christians.

Let's read 1 John 5:1-3

1-Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

2-This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

3-In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

-For the first three verses in this chapter, God and John continue to teach on the love of God.

-That Jesus is the Christ means that Jesus is chosen by God to save us from sin, death, and Satan.

-If we love God, then the love that we have for God will cause us to love God's children.

-If we love God, then we will want to obey God who commands us to love others (Jn 14:23).

-We show God that we love Him by obeying Him.

Let's read 1 John 5:4-5

4-For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

5-Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

-In the verses above, the Word of God tells us three times that we Christians have overcome the world.

-To overcome means to win or to have victory.

-The Lord Jesus talks of this in John 16:33:

-“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

-Because of Christ, we have overcome the world, death, and Satan.

-Because of Christ, we are conquerers.

-Because of Christ, all that is in heaven which belongs to God also belongs to us.

-The world cannot defeat us.

-Sin cannot defeat us.

-Death cannot defeat us.

-Satan cannot defeat us.

-Nothing can remove us from the Savior's grasp (Jn 10:29).

-Nothing can steal our eternal life which Christ has given us.

-At times, we sin, we fail, and we struggle, but we will never lose to the world, the flesh, or Satan.

-Our faith in Christ and our salvation cannot be destroyed.

-We should not be proud of ourselves, however, as none of this is from us, but from Christ alone.

-It not us who cannot be conquered, but the faith that God has given us which cannot be conquered.

Let's read 1 John 5:6-9

6-This is the one who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

7-For there are three that testify:

8-the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

-These verses teach us about the testimony of God the Father concerning God the Son.

-We understand the testimony of the Holy Spirit, but what is the testimony of the water and the blood?

-Some say this is the water and blood of Christ on the cross, but this is only a testimony of His death.

-Some say that these are Christians being baptized and taking the Lord's Supper, but this is not a testimony of God.

-Rather, this is God the Father's testimony of Christ when He began His work by being baptized and ended His work by dying on the cross.

-When Christ was baptized, the Father testified about Him: "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" (Mt 3:17).

-When Christ died on the cross, the Father again testified about Christ.

-God caused total darkness for three hours, testifying that Christ was separated from the Father to pay for our sins.

-God ripped the temple curtain in two, testifying that the way to the Father was now open.

-God sent an earthquake, ripped rocks, and opened the graves of believers, testifying that death was now conquered.

-In John 5:37, Christ tells us that the Father testifies about Him: "The Father who sent Me, He testified of Me."

-In John 8:18, Christ tells us again that the Father testifies about Him: "The Father who sent Me testifies about Me."

-God gives testimony of Christ in the Old Testament.

-God gives testimony of Christ in the New Testament.

-All testimony of Christ begins with God.

Let's read 1 John 5:9-10

9-We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son.

10-Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

-God's testimony is greater than any human testimony.

-What is God the Father's testimony about God the Son?

Let's read 1 John 5:11-12

11-And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12-Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

-The testimony of the Father is that He has given all

believers eternal life in the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

-1 John 5:12 is a short verse, yet summarizes all of life and all of eternity:

-“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

-In the remaining verses of this letter, God and John are teaching us what we should know.

-God and John are teaching us that we should know about what God has given us.

-God and John are teaching us that what God has given us is sure, certain, and unchangeable.

-Because there are many false teachers teaching lies, we need to know that what God has given us is sure, certain, and unchangeable.

Let's read 1 John 5:13

13-I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

-The first and greatest certainty that God has given us and which is unchangeable is eternal life.

-God and John wrote this letter so that we Christians

would be sure and certain that we have eternal life.

-If you have repented and asked Christ to send your sin to the cross to save you, then Satan nor demons nor anything else can take away your eternal life with Christ.

-For all true Christians, eternal life with Christ is sure, certain, and unchangeable.

Let's read 1 John 5:14-15

14-This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

15-And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

-The second certainty that God has given every true Christian is that He hears our prayers.

-We have confidence and can be sure that He hears our prayers.

-When we ask God, however, it must be according to His will.

-It is God's will which is best for us, and therefore, we should only ask according to His will.

-We should never ask nor want anything that is not according to our God's will.

Let's read 1 John 5:16-17

16-If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that.

17-All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

-What is sin that leads to death?

-There is spiritual death and physical death.

-For a true Christian, we cannot have a spiritual death as the blood of Christ has paid for our sins, and we will live forever with Christ in heaven.

-For a true Christian, our death would be a physical death when God would remove us from the earth if our sins would become too many.

-God can remove a Christian from the earth if his sins become too many in order to protect other Christians, as the sins of other Christians does affect us.

-God can also remove a Christian from the earth if his sins become too many as these people are better off in heaven than on earth.

-For the non-Christian, his sin of unbelief is so strong that it leads to physical death and spiritual death in the

Lake of Fire.

-What is sin that does not lead to death?

-For the true Christian, although we sin, our sin does not lead to physical death because we are still on the earth.

-For the non-Christian, although they continue to sin, their sin does not yet lead to physical and spiritual death because they are still on the earth.

Let's read 1 John 5:18

18-We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.

-The third certainty that God has given every true Christian is victory over sin.

-While it is true that Christians sin because we are still in the flesh, we do not continue in the same sins.

-This is because Christ keeps us from continuing in the same sins.

-It is Christ, the "One who was born of God," who keeps safe Christians who are also born of God.

-Christ keeps us from falling back to a slave of sin.

-Christ keeps us from falling back to a slave of Satan.

-In John 10:29, the Lord Jesus said this about those who believe in Him:

-“My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”

-If the blood of Christ is strong enough to save us, then the blood of Christ is also strong enough to keep us from continuing in the same sins.

Let’s read 1 John 5:19

19-We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

-There are only two families in the world, the family of God and the family of Satan.

-People are either children of God or children of Satan.

-The fourth certainty that God has given every true Christian is that we belong to God.

-It is God who brings us into His family, and makes us His children.

-In John 1:12, we read this:

-“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

-There is nothing better in all of eternity than to be a child of God.

-There is nothing better in all of eternity than to belong to God.

Let’s read 1 John 5:20-21

20-We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

21-Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

-The fifth certainty that God has given every true Christian is that our Christ is God Himself.

-God and John end this letter with the same truth with which they began:

-“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life” (1 John 1:1).

-All true Christians know the one and only true God.

-All idols and all other gods are from Satan.

-Anything or anyone else that people worship is from Satan.