

RECOGNIZING AN OVERCOMER — 1 JOHN 5:1-5

1

FAITH in the Truth

SAVIOR & GOD



“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God” (5:1)



“This is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith” (5:4)



“He who believes that Jesus is the Son of God” (5:5)



The reason we are overcomers is because we have been given new life.



The only people who receive the new birth are those who believe that Jesus is the Christ.



If you haven't been begotten of God you are NOT an overcomer.



Continual believing is the RESULT not the CAUSE of the new birth.

2

LOVE to God and to Others

RELATIONSHIPS



“Everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him” (5:1)



“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God” (5:2)



The greater your love, the greater the compulsion to honor and provide all they need.



You can tell an overcomer because he loves God and loves those whom God loves.



Regeneration not only brings us into a faith relationship with God, it brings us into a love relationship with God and God's own people.

3

OBEDIENCE to the Word

JOYFUL HONOR



“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments” (5:2)



“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome” (5:3)



If I believe Christ is exactly who the New Testament says He is, then He is going to draw out of my heart love that makes Him priority of my life.



The genuine proof of an overcomer is faith that loves unto obedience.