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1 John 5

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Overcoming the World

1Whosoever 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.

This determination is simple; “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God”, equals being Saved. It really is that simple, from our perspective. It is an entirely different matter from God’s and Jesus perspective. While we are the recipients of this eternal salvation, the cost to God and Jesus was extreme; it cost them both the life of Jesus the Son to the Father. That was done out of love for you and me.

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

The process of being saved from our perspective is and was very simple; believe in Jesus as the Son of God and you are saved. In

verse 2 is added a more challenging element to the fallen sin riddled humans that Believe in Jesus Christ. The added step is, “keep His commandments”. Walking out this life in the flesh is indeed challenging. God and Jesus showed Their Love to us by the act of sacrifice that they committed on our behalf. Now the question comes is how do we show our Love for them to include the Holy Spirit?

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

The way we show our Love for God is by “keeping” His commandments. Where do we find which commandments we are to keep? Is it the 10 commandments is it the over 600 Commandments that the Jews have written down? The commandments we are to keep can be found in:

Love

1 Corinthians 13: 1Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (LOVE), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity (LOVE), I am nothing. 3And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity (LOVE), it profiteth me nothing.

4Charity (LOVE) suffereth long, and is kind; charity (LOVE) envieth not; charity (LOVE) vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

**8Charity (LOVE) never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13And now abideth faith, hope, charity,(LOVE) these three; but the greatest of these is charity (LOVE).
*Emphasis and changing of the word “charity to LOVE is mine it is rendered as the better interpretation by numerous scholars.***

So, the commandments we are to keep are Faith, Hope and Love. Faith in who Jesus is, Hope that He will come for His Church soon and Love of all that God Loves. Those are the Commandments that Jesus left His disciples with and with us. Part of the commandant of Hope is that we share that “Hope” with the world that “all” might be saved.

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

It is our Faith that was given to us by God that is our anchor in carrying out the other two commandments.

Ephesians 4: 1I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 2:8For by **grace** are ye **saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is **the gift** of God:

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

Again, Salvation = believeth that Jesus is the Son of God

Overcoming the world is the same equation. It is Jesus plus nothing else, simply our faith and belief in those words. And even our FAITH as we see in Ephesians 2:8 is THE gift from God.

6This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

Water and blood are both present at the birth of a human being. Jesus was such a man with a miraculous difference, Mary was caused to become pregnant by the Power of the Holy Spirit not by any act of man. Jesus was born in the normal human way; the

difference was His inception as an infant in Mary's womb. It was by an act of God through the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that is TRUTH.

7For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

From "Got questions" about how do we know that Jesus is the WORD?

"The phrase "word of God" appears often in the Bible and can have a slightly different meaning depending on context and the Hebrew or Greek word used. [John 1:1-2](#) says, "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God." Here, *Word* is a title of the Lord Jesus. The term translated "Word" is *logos*, which basically means "the expression of a thought." [Logos](#) can be thought of as the total message of God to man ([Acts 11:1](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#)). Jesus embodied that total message, and that is why He is called the "Logos," or "[Word](#)," of God ([Colossians 1:19](#); [2:9](#))."

The point being that God is God, Jesus is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, but each of them provide a separate yet united quality of the Trinity or Godhead.

8And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

This verse is generally agreed to say:

The Spirit is the Holy Spirit that gives testimony in each believer and in turn to the world through the believing Church- collection of TRUE Believers.

The Water is the example of the Baptism of Christ and the cleansing of sin that came from that Baptism of new believers as a testimony of that person's newfound belief in Jesus and all that encompasses. Baptism is an outward testimony of an inward cleansing of the person's sin and their belief in Jesus Christ.

The Blood is a reference to the Saving nature of the Blood of Christ to the entire world but more specifically to those who accept Jesus as their Savior and recognize that it is by the Sacrifice of Jesus Blood on the Cross that we can be saved.

Jesus is the Son of God

9If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 10He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

This record that is spoken of here are the lives of the Believers. From Jesus through the Apostles down to the very last person

who asks Christ into their life is the “record” that God had ordained to cry out to the world. If you are saved you are part of that record.

It is one thing to speak as a witness for Christ as Lord and Savior it is a far greater testimony to Live and Love as Christ encourages us to do, a silent witness if you will. A life lived in humbleness and Love is the most important part of this record John speaks of.

Purpose and Concluding Remarks

13These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

If you have doubts as to whether you have eternal life, then you have a problem. If you need to go back and look at the lives of those who are committed to Christ and see how they walk out their lives, the testimony, the record is all there. However, if you must see before you believe, then that may be your problem. Jesus said it quite clearly, Faith is a gift from God and how we grow that gift of FAITH after being born again is very important.

John 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

We all need to get to the point as the old saying goes:

“God said it, I believe it and that settles it!?”

It is that blind seed of FAITH God gave us that then becomes “confidence” in what it is that we believe in.

14And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

We can truly take anything to the Throne of God, we can ask for anything. Keep in mind when you ask for something there are always potentially two answers and maybe three; yes, no, maybe!

16If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

Perhaps one of the most challenging verses in the New Testament to understand. The Catholics in error call these venial and mortal sins. We can get into that but just know they are incorrect, mainly because they believe it takes an act or work by the sinner to regain salvation. That is simply non-Biblical, refer for just one of many verses that disputes the idea of works salvation:

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

The sin that leads to Spiritual death and that is what vs 17 is speaking of is rejection of Jesus Christ. Acceptance gives you eternal life with Christ, rejection gives you eternal life in Hell without hope or God. Not complicated, but millions upon millions will reject Christ and His free gift of Salvation.

So, when we see a brother or sister sinning “not unto death” in other words not rejecting Christ but committing one of any number of physical or spiritual sins we need to confront them and pray for them. If they have rejected Christ knowingly there is nothing, we can do for them, save one and that is as the Bible tells us to turn them over to Satan.

1 Corinthians 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

18We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

As sinners we read this with some trepidation or at least we should. It declares that “whosoever is born of God sinneth not;”

Are you born of God, were you given right to sonship and daughter ship by the Blood of Christ?

1 John 3: 1Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the **sons of God:**

*therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. **2**Beloved, now are we the **sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. **3**And every man **that hath this hope** in him **purifieth himself**, even as he is pure.*

We have studied and discussed at length the three principals that Jesus Himself laid out for a True Believer. Faith, Hope and Love and the greatest of these is Love. Jesus knew who He was talking to, He was talking to sinners, fallen men and women. So how could He first call us Brothers and Sisters and secondly how could John say that “**whosoever is born of God sinneth not**”?

***1 John 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

The answer to that question is answered the next verse of 1 John 1:9

***1 John:1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

All our Christian walk comes back to and hinges on those three concrete principals Jesus left us with. Faith, Hope and Love and the greatest of these is Love.

Faith in God and in His Son and what He did for us through His Grace and Mercy. We have got to have that so seared into our

hearts and minds that it is the default position and answer to all questions the world or Satan would ever ask us.

Hope in the coming eternal life that Jesus promised us. Hope in His redemptive power to save all who would be saved. Hope that will last an eternity.

And finally Love, love of Christ our Lord and Savior, our Advocated before the Thorne of God. Love of the Father who by His Will created all things that exist and through His Will of Love extended to us Grace and Mercy when He had no reason to other than His Love Nature. And a Love that was so vast He would sacrifice His only Son to save us; the sinners of this world.

Love of God the Holy Spirit that endures with us as we repeated stumble into sin. The Holy Spirit who gently causes us to repent of the sins we commit keeping us in a right relationship with the Father.

19And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

I pray that God will protect all of us from the evil that is at work in this world. It is growing more evil every day. We know that the

world and those of the evil one is storing up God's Wrath for themselves and the Wrath of God will be unleashed on the world shortly. By shortly I am of the belief that it is coming in the next few years. There are many signs and wonders that are becoming clearer each passing day. Open your eyes especially the eyes of your heart and see what God has said will happen so you will not be taken by surprise. Search out the Scriptures and ask God to help you understand, He will hear your prayer and His answer will be "Yes, No, Maybe". Regardless rest in Him.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

An idol can be anything, and I mean anything other than Jesus Christ whom you want to spend time with and adore. Man, beast or thing.

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