*1-5 Everyone who is Born of God and Keep His Commandments (1-3) Overcomes the World (4-5)*

(14)1 Whoever **believes** that Jesus is the Christ is **born of God**: and everyone that loves Him that begat loves him also that is **born 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 whatever is **born of God overcomes the world**: and this is the **victory that overcomes the world**, [even] our faith. 5 Who is he that **overcomes the world**, but he that **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God?

Notes: verses 1-3 conclude the love theme of chapter 4. What are God’s commandments?  to believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, 1 John 3:23. Overcome is also used in 1 John 2:12, 2:24, 4:4, and John 16:33.

*6-13 The Witnesses (6-9) to Believe in Jesus Christ for Eternal Life (10-13)*

(15)6 This is Hethat came by **water and blood**, [even] **Jesus Christ**; not by **water** only, but by **water and blood**. And it is the **Spirit** that bears **witness**, because the **Spirit is truth**.  7 For there are **three that bear record in heaven**, the Father, **the Word**, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one. 8 And there are **three that bear witness in earth**, the **Spirit,** and the **water**, and the **blood**: and these three agree in one. 9 If we receive the **witness of men**, the **witness of God is greater**: for this is the **witness of God** which He has **testified** of His **Son**. 10 He that **believes** on the **Son of God** has the **witness in himself**: he that **believes not God** has made Him a **liar**; because he **believes not** the **record** that God **gave** of His **Son**. 11 And this is the **record**, that God has **given** to us **eternal life**, and this **life** is **in His Son**. 12 He that **has the Son has** **life**; [and] he that has **not the Son of God has not life**. 13 These things I have **written** to 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**.

Q1 – Why is part 1 John 5:7-8 missing 25 words in most modern translations?  A – Use of the Alexandrian Greek, not Antioch texts.

Q2 – How do we interpret 1 John 5:8? A –The water witness was at Jesus’ baptism, with focus on the person of Christ when God spoke and Holy Spirit descended upon him – not the act of water baptism. The blood witness was at the death of Jesus on the cross.

Witness is 11x in 1 John 5, Marty-reo 1:2, 4:14, **5:6, 5:7, 5:8, 5:9, 5:10;** Marty-ria **5:9 (3x), 5:10 (2x), 5:11;** Acts 1:8 Marty-s

Q3 – When is it wrong to use 1 John 5:12-13? A – When used as a manipulative tool to coerce somebody to believe they are saved when they say the sinner’s prayer. This is when the Spirit is not drawing and there is not a genuine repentance and conversion.

Application: I know the history of the two families of manuscripts and teach others by personal witness and as the Holy Spirit leads. I must testify, be a witness, and bear record of the truth that Jesus is the Son of God. John 16:5-15 “reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and o judgment.” I John gives us a balanced view of Jesus Christ as fully God and fully man.

*14-21 Pray (14-15) about Others Sin (16-19) and know the True God (20-21)*

(16) 14 And this is the **confidence** that we have in Him, that, if we **ask** anything according to **His will**, He **hears** us: 15 And if we know that He **hear** us, whatsoever we **ask**, we know that we have the **petitions** that we desired of Him. 16 If anyone know his brother **sin a sin** [which is] **not onto death**, he shall **ask**, and He shall **give** him **life** for them that **sin not to death**. There is a **sin unto death**: I do not say that he shall pray for it.17 **All unrighteousness is** **sin**: and there is a **sin not unto death**. 18 We **know** that whoever is born of God **sins not**; but he that is **born of God** **keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not**. 19 [And] we **know** that we are of God, and the **whole world lies in wickedness**.

20 And we **know** that the Son of God is come, and has **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**.

**21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.**

Q1 – What is the sin onto death that we are commanded to not pray for in 1 John 5:16? 1 Cor 11:27-34, Acts 5, 1 Cor 5.
A – The sin onto death is spiritual and sometimes premature physical death, but not eternal death. This is written to advise the believer how to handle certain patterns of sin committed by other believers. John 3:20-21 and Luke 11:1-13 with ask and give.

Q2 – How does the person born of God keep himself from sin in 1 John 5:18? 1 John 3:6? The active tense of the verb sin implies habit, continuity, & unbroken sequence. A – By obeying His commandments God keeps his heart and mind from sin. Wicked one in 1 John 2:12, 14. Overcomes the world (includes self & devil)

Q3 – What is an idol that the child of God must keep away from in 1 John 5:21? A – Idols in context of 1 John are inward: lust of the flesh, eyes and pride of life and love of this world. Eph 5:5, Col 3:5.

Application: I know that to not pray for a child of God because of their hardened heart (stubborn or rebellion) is for the glory of God. I know that idol prevention is inward to me and outward to others – it is putting anything, anyone, or any feeling before God.