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WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST IS BORN OF GOD

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SCRIPTURE READING: **1 JOHN 5:1-4**

1 John 5:1-2, Whosoever 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. **2:** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the April 29, 2018 Evening Message for the Background.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. As we look at **1 John**, we will find it is divided into three main divisions.
 1. God is light. **1 John 1:5**, *This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*
 2. God is love. **1 John 4:8**, *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*
 3. God is life. **1 John 5:12**, *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*
- b. Today we are going to deal with the last major division of this book.
- c. In the first five verses of this Chapter, John talks about victory for the believer over the world.
- d. He tells us how to overcome the world.
- e. The world is composed of selfishness, greed; it's sick and has a tremendous amount of sin.
- f. John is saying it is possible for the child of God to have victory as we live in this nasty world. **John 10:10**, *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*
- g. I plan to give you several things that will allow us to achieve this victory.
- h. Various scholars will tell us that **1 John 5:7**, is not in the best manuscripts. *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.* This is as much a part of the Preserved Word of God as **John 3:16**.
- i. Pleases take note as to who bears record in Heaven.
- j. Since I do not class myself as a scholar, and am not aspiring to advance to that level, I am able to preach and teach the Word of God as it is.
- k. This Scripture speaks of the Trinity. **Matthew 28:19**, *Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy*

Spirit:

- l. There has been a lot of confusion about the "Trinity;" some claim the word is not contained in the Bible, or the Trinity was created by the Catholics and so forth. This is simply not so.
- m. From this message we see the Word of God is very plain there are three who bear record in Heaven and it tells us they are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- n. It does not matter how you cut it; three means trinity. Why don't we allow the Word of God to speak to our hearts as it is written without question?
- o. This passage is as much a part of the inspired Word of God as **John 3:16** and I will preach it today so that you will understand what this verse means and what it is about.
- p. There are several passages of scripture that are under satanic attack; those that deal with the resurrection and those that deal with the absolute authority of God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. **KJV- 1 John 5:7-8**, *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: 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. NIV- 7: For there are three that testify. 8: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.*
- q. As an under-shepherd, I have been called to do God's will and God's work; to preach the Word.
- r. I plan to preach the Word until breath leaves my body.
- s. I do not plan to preach around the Word, about the Word; but to preach the Word.
- t. I attempt not to meddle in people's affairs; I allow the Word of God to clean-up lives and penetrate hearts.

3. THREE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.

1. **1 John 5:1-2**, **Whosoever 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. 2: By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.*
2. In this verse we find that God is life and the new birth comes from being born again.
3. This is certainly the method God uses for one to be born again.
4. John makes it very clear by the Gospel we become a child of God by simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. **John 1:12**, *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*
5. This means that we put our trust in Christ. **Romans 10:9**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*
6. **We trust who He is as well as what He did.**
7. What He did is of no value to us unless He was who He said He was. **1 Timothy 3:16**, *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

8. The virgin birth is extremely important for one to believe.
9. The conception by the Holy Spirit is extremely important in that He came into world without sin. **2 Corinthians 5:21**, *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*
10. This verse indicates that Jesus was no ordinary man who died for our sins.
11. No ordinary man or woman could die for the sins of mankind or even for their own sin because we were conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity. **Psalms 51:5**, *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*
12. **To die without Christ means we are eternally separated from God, we are judged, and we must face the wrath of God, not clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.**
13. It is faith and faith alone that produces the new birth. **Romans 10:17**, *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* **1 Corinthians 15:22**, *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*
14. **When we put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are born again, and God becomes our Heavenly Father.**
15. This verse goes on to tell us, if He is our Heavenly Father we are begotten of Him and we will love Him.
16. The aforementioned statement is very important because it keeps us from willfully sinning.
17. Our guard is love. **1 John 3:11**, *For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*
18. **John 13:35** puts the icing on the cake. *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*
19. I believe the term born again has been misused and taken out of context on many occasions.
20. "Born again or Born of God" is very important and we should not treat it lightly.
21. **It has nothing to do with the fact we have joined a church, a certain group, changed our ways, have modified our behavior, have decided we want to be a part of a certain denomination; it has nothing to do with race, or certain groups, but the Bible emphatically tells us when we are born again we will love other born again believers.**
22. John gives us some keys to know who is born again and who is a child of God.
 - a. **If you know He is righteous, you know everyone who does righteousness is born of God.**
 1. **1 John 2:29**, *If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.*
 2. The born-again believer will be clothed in His Righteousness which is a free gift; this does not pertain to the flesh, but the soul of the believer.
 - b. **Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin.**
 1. **1 John 3:9**, *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*
 2. **1 John 3:9**, is extremely clear. It simply means that a person who is born of God cannot sin as he has the new nature and is a new creation in Christ Jesus. **2 Corinthians 5:17**, *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

3. A careful reading of **1 Corinthians 15: 45-49** tells us that there are two natures, the Adamic nature and the Spiritual new nature that is given when one accepts Christ as personal Saviour. **1 Corinthians 15:45-49**, *And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46: Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47: The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48: As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49: And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*
4. Paul gives us the same insight in **Romans 7**, speaking of the two natures abiding in every born-again believer. The Flesh is the one that sins, and no believer can truthfully state that they do not sin. The Spiritual Nature which is the soul of man cannot sin nor does it have the capacity to sin as **1 John 3:9** plainly teaches and **1 John 5:18** gives us the same truth. **1 John 3:9**, *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 1 John 5:18*, *We 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.*
5. We must never lose sight of the fact, Jesus came the first time to save the soul. At His second coming he will redeem the body.
6. It is disturbing that some of the new versions are perpetuating false doctrine. I list some of them for your consideration. One question, how many sins does a believer have to commit before they are guilty of practicing sin if this concept is true?

Whosoeuer is borne of God, doth not commit sinne: for his seede remaineth in him, and he cannot sinne, because he is borne of God.
- *King James Version (1611)* -

No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
- *New American Standard Version (1995)*

Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin, because his seed abideth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is begotten of God.
- *American Standard Version (1901)*

Anyone who is a child of God does no sin, because he still has God's seed in him; he is not able to be a sinner, because God is his Father.
- *Basic English Bible*

Whoever has been begotten of God does not practise sin, because his seed abides in him, and he cannot sin, because he has been begotten of God.

- *Darby Bible*

Whoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

- *Webster's Bible*

No one who is a child of God is habitually guilty of sin. A God-given germ of life remains in him, and he cannot habitually sin--because he is a child of God.

- *Weymouth Bible*

Whoever is born of God doesn't commit sin, because his seed remains in him; and he can't sin, because he is born of God.

- *World English Bible*

Ech man that is borun of God, doith not synne; for the seed of God dwellith in hym, and he may not do synne, for he is borun of God.

- *Wycliffe Bible*

every one who hath been begotten of God, sin he doth not, because his seed in him doth remain, and he is not able to sin, because of God he hath been begotten.

- *Youngs Literal Bible*

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.

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7. The Holy Spirit that lives in us; the seed of the Word of God that comes to live within us when we are saved and born again, cannot commit sin.
 8. This indicates our life style can be one where - we are a work in progress to get better and better every single day. **Romans 8:29**, *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*
 9. *As a result of this new nature, God's seed within us we have the ability to bring our flesh into subjection as we yield to the Holy Spirit.*
- c. **One who is born of God will love one another.**
1. **1 John 4:7**, *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*
 2. A child of God - one who is born again will love other Christians not just selected Christians.
 3. The question is do you love all Christians or do love only some Christians friends and associates?
 4. We as believers must widen our circle to include all born again believers.
- d. **For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world.**

1. **1 John 5:4**, *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*
 2. A child of God overcomes the world.
 3. The Bible tells us in **1 John 2:15**, *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*
- e. **We know a person is born of God by keeping himself so the wicked one toucheth him not.**
1. **When we are saved and born again we keep ourselves from Satan and his activities.**
 2. We watch for deception and we avoid the traps he tries to lead us into.
23. In this Passage we come across what will identify true believers.
- a. **True believers will obey God's command in His Word. 1 John 2:3-6**, *And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4: He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5: But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6: He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. 1 John 5:2-3, *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.* The aforementioned verses are not speaking of the Ten Commandments as we know them but are reflective of a complete array of statements that God has commanded us to follow. As an example: **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**, *Rejoice evermore. 17: Pray without ceasing. 18: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**
 - b. **The second thing for true believers is we love God and other believers. 1 John 2:10-11**: *He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11: But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. 1 John 3:11, 14-16*, *For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 14: We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 15: Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 16: Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 John 4:7-8; 11-12*, *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8: He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 11: Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 12: No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.*
 - c. **The third test of a true believer is they believe the truth of the Gospel; the message of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 1 John 2:21-23**, *I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it,*

and that no lie is of the truth. **22:** Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. **23:** Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. **1 John 4:1-3**, Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. **2:** Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: **3:** And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. **1 John 5:1**, Whosoever 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."

- d. **We know we are children of God when we keep His commandments.**
1. What does John mean when he says the commandments?
 2. We must understand the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ. **Galatians 3:24-25**, Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **25:** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. **Romans 10:4**, For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.
 3. The commandments that are referred to are the commandments Jesus Christ laid down when He was here on Earth.
 4. As an example, we will find many of these in **1 Thessalonians 5:16-19**, Rejoice evermore. **17:** Pray without ceasing. **18:** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. **19:** Quench not the Spirit.
 5. This has nothing to do with the list of the Ten Commandments.

b. This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.

1. **1 John 5:2-3**, For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."
2. As we keep the Lord's commandments they should not be a burden upon us. The truth makes us free. **John 8:32**, And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
3. The Christian life should not be a stressful life; we should be able to do things willingly.
4. One of the things I want to emphasize to church members and people who are saved and born again, many times have a problem with being closed minded to the truth.
5. We must always be open- minded to God's truth.
6. The Bible says in **2 Timothy 3:7**, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
7. We can only come to the knowledge of the truth when we know for a fact that Satan clouds our minds and leads us into traps.
8. We must be ever-mindful of the still small voice of the Holy Spirit that speaks from within. Remember the Holy Spirit's job is to guide the believer into all truth.

John 16:13, *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

9. When new truth comes across our path we should readily embrace it.
10. If we have taught something wrong, we need to line up with the Word of God and get on the right track. **2 Thessalonians 2:11**, *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*
11. We are not to go to the Bible to prove our point; we need to go to the Bible and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to us. **Matthew 11:30**, *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*
12. It will be heavy unless you have real love for the Lord and you truly want to serve Him. Know the truth and seek His will.
13. If this is the case, then the burden is not heavy.
14. Church work and other ministries should never become difficult to us and we should not complain and gripe about what we do for the Lord. **2 Corinthians 9:7**, *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*
15. If we cannot give cheerfully and freely then we need not to give at all, we need to go to Jesus and ask Him to clear our hearts. This is not only referring to tithe and offerings, but also to time, talent and resources.

c. This is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith.

1. **1 John 5:4**, *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.***
2. It is abundantly clear that it is faith that overcomes the world. **Romans 14:23**, *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*
3. It is faith that saves us and we walk by faith not by sight. **Romans 10:17**, *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
4. We are born into the family of God by faith. **Hebrews 11:6**, *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*
5. Faith is the only way in which you and I will be able to overcome the world around us.
6. **1 John 2:15** tells us, *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*
7. *As believers we are in the world, but we are not of the world.*
8. The things in the world constitute for the most part the flesh and the devil.
9. *If we get involved in worldly things it will not be long before it will take our eyes off Jesus Christ: the Saviour of the world.*
10. When God called Abraham to go to the land of Canaan He indicated that Abraham should get away from his father's house.
11. Which Abraham did not immediately do until after the death of his father.
12. Why in the world was that so essential? Because there was idolatry in Abraham's family and God knew he could not serve Him as long as this was going on.
13. *When we truly get involved in God's program we find our priorities and*

methods will change.

14. I am not a fighter; I believe in doing what I have been called to do; preach the Word of God.
15. There is one special ingredient in preaching the Word of God, it must be preached and taught in love. **Ephesians 4:2 and 16**, *With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 16: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. 1 Corinthians 2:4*, *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Would you come to the living side of the Saviour today?
- b. If you know not Him as personal Saviour the Bible says in **Matthew 11:28**, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Romans 3:23*, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- c. The Bible also says in **Romans 6:23**, *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- d. In **Romans 10:9**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*
- e. **Romans 10:10**, *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- f. Would you come to the side of the Living Saviour and be saved and born again?
- g. Please stand.

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