

The Victory of Faith
(1 John 5:1-5)

I. THE BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD (1 John 1:1-2:27)... is learning to Abide In God's Light – His truth – learning to walk in the light of Apostolic teaching.

II. THE BEHAVIOR OF SONSHIP WITH GOD (1 John 2:28-5:21)... is learning to Abide in God's Love. (by means of the HS leading, teaching & empowering you to live with a behavior that is consistent with the truth)

A. Abiding In Him In Light of His Coming (2:28- 3:3)

B. Loving One another (3:4-24)

C. Discerning the Spirits (4:1-6)

D. Walking In Love (4:7-21)

E. Being Overcomers (5:1-5)

1. Whoever _____ that Jesus is the Christ is _____ of God.

- What exactly does this involve?

- How is this possible?

2. How can we _____ if we really love the children of God?

By this.... by _____ God and _____ His commandments. (5:2-3)

- What does this mean?

3. As far as John is concerned, loving God & keeping His commandments go _____!

- What do we mean by "*His commandments*"? (Mt 22:36-40; Rom. 13:8-10)

- So are keeping God's commandments burdensome or difficult? (Mt 11:28-30)

- So how are you to view keeping His commandments?

4. God's children overcome all obstacles by _____!

- What is faith? (Hebrews 11:1)
- Is faith important? (Hebrews 11:6-12)

5. Whatever power is born of God overcomes or _____ the world & its philosophy—this has
To be in relation to the _____, empowered by the indwelling _____
_____ that every believer has by means of the new birth.

- What is the *means* of being an overcomer?
- Does initial faith in Christ guarantee being an overcomer practically every day in the future?
- What does overcoming by means of the new birth do to the kingdom of Satan?