

# *Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies*

## **I JOHN 5:1-5**

### **Lesson 15**

#### **REVIEW:**

Review I John 4:13-21 along with Isaiah 41:10. In what way does knowing God indwells you and is with you give you assurance and confidence?

#### **FIRST DAY:**

Read and study I John 5:1-5 inductively. *See pages 5 and 6.*

#### **SECOND DAY: Read I John 5:1-3**

1. Compare the following version of I John 5:1 with the KJV: *Everyone who believes Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves His children as well.* Print from I John 5:1a what you must *believe* to be *born of God*.
2. Notice the way John weaves the family together in I John 5:1b. If we love the Father whom will we also love?
  - a. There is no room for sibling rivalry in the family of God. To what degree did Jesus say we are to love others in Matthew 22:39?
3. What do the following verses teach about love for others?
  - a. Romans 12:10
  - b. Romans 13:8,9
  - c. Romans 13:10
  - d. Galatians 5:13
  - e. Ephesians 4:2
  - f. Ephesians 5:2

*How good and pleasant is the sight, when Christians make it their delight  
To dwell in blest accord;  
The Lord commands His blessing there, and they that walk in love shall share,  
The fragrance of His Word outpoured.  
-Psalm 133 selected*

### THIRD DAY: Read I John 5:2,3

1. According to I John 5:2,3a, how do we *know* that we love the children of God?
  - a. What does *keep* mean in relationship to *His commandments*?
2. Record what I John 5:3b says about *His commandments*.
  - a. Define the word *grievous* from other versions or a dictionary.
  - b. View I John 5:3b in the light of Matthew 11:30. What does it say?
  - c. Why might God's commandments *seem* grievous?
  - d. How do you view God's commandments? Why?
3. I John 5:3 reminds us that our *love for God* and *obedience* to His commandments cannot be separated. Why is keeping His commands proof that we love Him?
  - a. Take a moment to behold our God by reading the following verses and recording words or phrases used to describe Him.
    - 1.) I Chronicles 29:11,12
    - 2.) Isaiah 40:12-18
    - 3.) Jeremiah 10:10,12,13
  - b. In what way does *knowing Who He is* fortify your desire to *keep His commandments*?

### FOURTH DAY: Read I John 5:4,5

1. The reason the Christian does not find the commands of God *grievous* is because he has been given the *power to overcome the world*. What does I John 5:4,5 reveal about *overcoming the world*.
2. The *world* here refers to the world system which is opposed to God and ruled by satan. Define the word *overcome*.
  - a. With this definition in mind, write the phrase *overcometh the world* in your own words.

3. According to I John 5:4a,5b *who is he who overcomes the world?*
4. Until a person has faith in the Son of God, the spirit of the world will remain supreme in his soul no matter how pious he may seem or try to be. Why does John insist that we believe that *Jesus is the Son of God* (I John 5:11,12)? Answer in your own words.

Challenge: How is the power of sin broken when we are born of God? Support your answer with Scriptures.

*He breaks the power of cancelled sin. He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.  
-C. Wesley*

### **FIFTH DAY: Read I John 5:4,5**

1. What did Jesus reveal about *overcoming the world* in I John 16:33b?
  - a. How did He *overcome the world*? See Colossians 2:14,15.
    - 1.) *Faith* in Jesus the Son of God makes us one with Him and fills us with His Spirit Who enables us to be overcomers too. How does that cause you to be *of good cheer* today?
2. There is a severe conflict between the world (system) and the Christian. The enemy wages war against us to depress, defeat, and destroy us. Briefly describe the enemies and the warfare from Ephesians 6:12.
  - a. How do the following Scriptures encourage you as an *overcomer*?
    - 1.) Romans 8:37
    - 2.) II Corinthians 2:14a
3. Why might a person who professes to be a Christian not experience this victory over the world? I John 2:15,16; James 4:4
  - a. Where the spirit of the world or love of the world governs this life, there will be no overcoming victory experienced in this life. Explain why this is so.

*We've been made more than conquerors; overcomers in this life.  
We've been made victorious through the blood of Jesus Christ.  
-Grein*

## SIXTH DAY: Review I John 5:1-5

1. Why do you think obedience (keeping God's commandments) is entwined with love for God and His children?
  
2. Read Galatians 5:17 and explain why someone might find God's commandments *grievous* or difficult to obey.
  - a. What remedy is given in Galatians 5:16?
  
3. In what way has I John 5:4,5 ministered to you about overcoming the world?
  
4. How will you appropriate the truths of this lesson to your life?

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own;  
To him that overcometh, a crown of life shall be:  
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.  
-George Duffield*

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### VERSE

### WHAT THE VERSE IS SAYING

- 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.
- 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 whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.
- 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Who:

When:

What:

Where:

Why:

How:

What does this passage mean?

How does it apply to you personally?