

“Blessed Assurance: Overcomers in Christ”

I John 5:1-5

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The marks of a genuine Christian are love, obedience, and faith that overcomes.

1) LOVE (v.1)

2) OBEDIENCE (v.2-3)

3) FAITH (v.4-5)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 John 5:6-13

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: What characteristics, traits, or idiosyncrasies did you pick up from your parents?

- 1) What does it take to be born of God?
- 2) What is John’s argument here for why we should love our brothers and sisters?
- 3) How can you tell if you are loving your brothers and sisters in Christ?
- 4) What are some of Jesus’ commands that apply to loving others?
- 5) How is love evidenced in keeping God’s commands?
- 6) Why might some people feel like God’s commands are burdensome?
- 7) Read Matthew 11:28-30. How does keeping Jesus’ commands help us find rest?
- 8) Christians have three great enemies: the world (fallen, sinful systems), our sinful flesh, and the devil. How did Jesus overcome those enemies?
- 9) How do believers overcome those enemies?
- 10) How is believing in Jesus a way of participating in Jesus’ victory?
- 11) How has this passage challenged or encouraged you?
- 12) How can we pray for you this week?