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FAITH IS THE VICTORY

(1 John 5:1 – 5)

INTRODUCTION

Remember, the intent of John's letter is not to tell one how to be "born of God;" rather, having been "born of God," how to live as a child of God, a life of victorious faith.

(2 Corinthians 5:7) "For we walk by **faith**, not by sight" (1 Corinthians 4:2) "be found **faithful**"
(Revelation 2:10) "Be **faithful** until death, and I will give to you the crown of life"

Our text reveals 5 marks of victorious faith:

1. (v1) "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God"

This was a faith and confession that brought us to Christ to be "born again" (Acts 8:35-38)

Now, having been "born again" or "born of God," keep the faith and live by faith.
(Hebrews 3:12-14) "**Beware, brethren**, lest there be in any one of you an evil heart of **unbelief** in departing from the living God ... hold the beginning of our confidence **steadfast to the end.**"

2. (v1) "... and everyone who loves Him who begot ..."

(1 John 4:19) "We love Him because He first loved us"
(Matthew 22:36-37) "... You shall love the Lord your God with ... "

3. (v1) "... also loves him who is begotten of Him."

The next verse, v2, combines loving God and loving "the children of God."

This commandment is given at least 14 times in the letter: (1 John 4:21) "he who loves God must love his brother also" (1 John 3:11) "we should love one another"
(1 John 3:23) "... and love one another, as He gave us commandment"
Jesus said it, too: (John 13:34-35)

4. (v3) "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.
And His commandments are not burdensome."

(John 14:15) "If you love Me, keep ("you will keep") My commandments."
(1 John 2:3-4; 3:7, v24)

Who told you that living the Christian life was too hard? And you believed it?
(Matthew 11:28-30) "... My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

5. (v4) "... overcomes the world ... the victory ... our faith ... "

(1 John 2:15-17) "Do not love the world ... " - do not allow worldly ways and its distractions to take you away from the priority of living faithfully to God.

Overcoming is possible: (James 4:7) "Resist the devil and he will flee from you"