

FIRST JOHN 5:1-12

Continuing on into the closing chapter of this letter by John the Apostle, we will see him driving home a few very crucial points. The first ones are definitions of love that may not have occurred to all professed Christ followers.



¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves His child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out His commands. ³ This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

If we love the Father, who else will we love?

How do we know if someone loves God and His children?

Some of God's commands seem hard at times, but what does John say about them – and what does that mean?

Who overcomes the world and by what means do they do so?

What does it mean for someone to “overcome” the world?

This next section emphasizes once again whom Jesus was and is. John calls on some unique witnesses to bear this out.

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. ⁹ We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son. ¹⁰ Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made Him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about His Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

How did Jesus come – and to what does this refer?

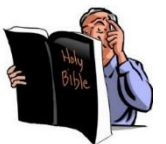
What witnesses are called to testify?

What does John say about those who reject this testimony?

Who has eternal life and where is found?

Points to Ponder

What is someone says they love God but ignore His teaching? See John 14:23-24.



Vs. 7 in the KJV reads: “There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one.” It’s the only version in any language with these words.