

Series: "Parental Guidance Required"

Part 9: BORN IDENTITY (1 John 5:1-12)

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Text: 1 John 5:1-12

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: To obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 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. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 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. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I. "REBORN!" (vv. 1-5)

CHRIST-FOLLOWER DNA:

1. Born Again (John 3:1-17)

2. Unburdened Obedience (v.3)

Romans 12:1 *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship."*

3. Overcomer (v.4,5)

1 John 2:16 *"For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world."*

What do we overcome?

The **cravings** of sinful man

The lust of the **eyes**

Pride of life

II. "RECONFIRMED!" (vv. 6-10)

Mark 1:9-11 *"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'"*

John 12:28-30 *"Father, glorify your name! Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again. The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgement on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.'"*

III. "RELIVE!" (vv. 11,12)

BORN IDENTIFIED PRICIPLES TO LIVE BY:

- + Live the life of the future in the **present**
- + Live the life of grace and **mercy**
- + Live the life centered around Christ's life, **death**, and resurrection