

Series "Following After God"
"The Test Of Life"
1 John 5:1-5
Study-14

- 1. Maintaining Fellowship:**
- 2. Maintaining Truth:**
- 3. Maintaining Righteousness:**
- 4. Maintaining Love:**

Now we come to the last mark of a genuine Christian.

5. 1 John 5:1-21 Maintaining Assurance:

John has Presented 3 Tests:

1. The Moral Test: The Test of righteousness or obedience.
2. The Social Test: The Test of Love.
3. The Doctrinal Test: The Test of one's belief in Jesus Christ.

1. Verse 1 – The Social Test - Loving Others

2. Verses 2-3 – The Moral Test – Obedience To God

3. Verses 4-5 – The Doctrinal Test - Faith In God

1. Verse 1 – The Social Test - Loving Others:

1 John 5:1

1 John 4:21

John uses this word believe 5X in the next 10 verses.

1 John 5:5

1 John 5:10

The word believes – present tense "to have and keep on having a continuing belief (in, upon, or with, a person or thing), to entrust one's spiritual well-being to Christ) commit"

John 8:24

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God
(Believing & Birth Go Together)

2 Thess 2:10

is born of God; perfect tense – “past event with continuing consequences”; The Bible calls this Regeneration – “rebirth, spiritual renovation”; The Bible calls this Salvation – “rescue or safety, morally to deliver”; The Bible calls this a New Birth, being “Born Again”

John 3:3-7

Eph 2:4-5

1 John 1:9

Note: Genuine Belief leads to-Being Born Again-Leads to Loving God and Others and Sisters.

Loves – Greek word Agape - “A Love not based upon performance, excellence, or true worth, but a love that is based upon a deliberate choice - made without assignable cause except that which lies in the nature of God Himself.”

1 John 4:19

1 John 4:21

1 John 2:9-11

1 John 3:10-11

1 John 3:14-17

1 John 3:23

1 John 4:7-8

1 John 4:11-12

1 John 4:16

1 John 4:20-21

You cannot love God apart from loving others! Loving God means loving others, loving others mean loving God!

John 1:14

John 1:17

Social Test - Genuine Christian: Starts with A Genuine Belief which leads to - Being Born Again - Which Leads to Loving God Our Father and Our Bothers and Sisters.

2. Verses 2-3 – The Moral Test – Obedience To God:

1 John 5:2

Believing & Birth Go Together; Loving others means loving God and obeying Him

1 John 5:3

burdensome – “irksome, heavy, to be loaded down so that one is going to fall down”

Love Lightens Burdens. Gen 29:20

One of the tests of maturing love is our personal attitude toward the Bible, because in the Bible we find God’s will for our lives revealed.

An Unsaved Person - considers the Bible an impossible book 1 Cor. 2:14

An Immature Christian - considers the demands of the Bible to be burdensome.

But a Christian walking in God’s perfecting love - finds himself enjoying the Word of God and truly loving it.

Matt 11:28-30

Moral Test - Genuine Christian: Is Loving others and loving God thru Obedience to Him. The Obedience Which is marked by Joy.

3. Verses 4-5 – The Doctrinal Test - Faith In God:

1 John 5:4

overcomes – 12X in Revelation, 6X 1 John. The word means “to prevail, achieve victory, Come out on top”; The obedient life.

the World – Greek word Kosmos, “the world, in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literal or figurative [moral]”

The Bible speaks of the "World" in 3 different ways.

1. The World of Creation - Gen. 1:4
2. The World of People - John 3:16
3. The World Without God (System)

Worldliness - "Originates within; It is in our love and desire. It is whatever contradicts the truth of God. It is whatever destroys fellowship with God. It is whatever dulls our spiritual senses. It is whatever takes away our appetite for the Word of God. It is whatever hinders our work for God, and mars our testimony in the world."

We grow in faith as we grow in love.

1 John 5:5

Question With The Answer: And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

John 16:33

Eph 1:18-23

Doctrinal Test - Genuine Christian: Is Marked by a Growing Faith that is Producing Victory Over the World and Worldliness. One's Faith in Jesus The Son of God.

Application:

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2. Moral Test - Genuine Christian: Is Loving others and loving God through Obedience to Him. The Obedience Which is marked by Joy.
3. Doctrinal Test - Genuine Christian: Is Marked by a Growing Faith that is Producing Victory Over the World and Worldliness. One's Faith in Jesus The Son of God.