



The People's Symphony

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1 JOHN 5:1-13

Through faith in Jesus as God's Christ, we become children of God. Being a Christian isn't a matter of pledging allegiance to a set of doctrines or religious rules and rituals. In fact, when we trust Jesus Christ, God is able to do something quite amazing through our lives!



NOTES

The Apostle John writes the words in 1 John 5 to combine all the themes from his letter into a fascinating soundtrack for living the adventure/romance of a Christ-follower and true child of God.

Resource:

“Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming” by Henri Nouwen

What are the themes John weaves together?

The invisible God makes himself known through Jesus Christ.

“There are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood ...”

1 JOHN 5:7-8

“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.”

1 JOHN 5:9

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“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.”

1 JOHN 5:1

“Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart.”

1 JOHN 5:10

You can know you have eternal life.

“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.”

1 JOHN 5:11-12

Do you have Christ In your heart? Have you trusted Him as your forgiver?

When you trust Jesus Christ, the invisible God makes himself known through you.



“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.”

1 JOHN 5:1b-2

“This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world.”

1 JOHN 5:3-4a

Obedience creates victory over the evil one.

“And this is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”

1 JOHN 5:4b

Faith brings you into saving eternal relationship with God

Love shows you are one of God’s children

Obedience creates victory over the evil one

Witness calls others to make their decision to trust Christ

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1 JOHN 5:13

Jesus saw something in John – this uneducated, rough hewn, competitive and proud fisherman. He saw a diamond in the rough, an artist in the making, a masterpiece under construction.

What does all of this mean for you?

- For **you** the invisible God makes himself known through Jesus Christ.
- Through faith in Jesus as God’s Christ, **you** become a child of God.
- **You** can know you have eternal life.
- When you trust Jesus Christ, the invisible God makes himself known through **you**.
- Obedience creates victory for **you** over the evil one.
- **Your** life becomes Art by God, a masterpiece in the making to bring hope to the world.

God develops our untapped potentials through the challenges and adversities we face, like a piece of coal under pressure being shaped into a diamond of great worth.

