

## 1 John 5 • The Test of Truth

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1. (v.1-5) True children of God know what a Christian is.
  - a. Six “born of God” birthmarks:
    - i. They practice righteousness. (2:29)
    - ii. They do not practice sin. (“Born again” is used twice) (3:9)
    - iii. They love one another. (4:7)
    - iv. They believe Jesus is the Messiah. (5:1)
    - v. They overcome the world. (5:4)
    - vi. They keep themselves from Satan. (5:18)
  - b. The true test of sonship:
    - i. It begins with love. (v.1-2)
    - ii. This love leads to obedience. (v.3)
    - iii. True children prove they love not the world but God alone. (v.4-5)
2. (v.6-13) True children of God know who Jesus is.
  - a. To believe in God means to believe His testimony through the Spirit.
  - b. To believe in God means to believe His testimony through the Word (water).
  - c. To believe in God means to believe His testimony through the cross (blood).
3. (v.14-17) True children of God know how to pray with confidence.
4. (v.18-19) True children of God know how a Christian acts.
5. (v.20-21) True children of God know the truth.