1 John 5 • The Test of Truth

1. (v.1-5) True children of God know **what a Christian is**.
   1. Six “born of God” birthmarks:
      1. They practice **righteousness**. (2:29)
      2. The do not practice **sin**. (“Born again” is used twice) (3:9)
      3. They **love** one another. (4:7)
      4. They believe Jesus is **the Messiah**. (5:1)
      5. They overcome **the world**. (5:4)
      6. They keep themselves from **Satan**. (5:18)
   2. The true test of sonship:
      1. It begins with **love**. (v.1-2)
      2. This **love** leads to **obedience**. (v.3)
      3. 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**.
   1. To believe in God means to believe His testimony through **the Spirit**.
   2. To believe in God means to believe His testimony through **the Word** (**water**).
   3. 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**.