

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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1 John 5:1-21

1. According to 5:1-3, can we love God without loving his children? Yes_____ No_____
According to 5:3, can we love God without obeying his commands? Yes_____ No_____
Given these firm statements, can you declare that you love God? _____

2. Is God a demanding God who places overwhelming and burdensome commands on his people, according to 5:3?
 - a. Yes...at least that's what everybody tells me.
 - b. Yes...at least that's what it sounds like when I come to church.
 - c. No, God's commands are not overwhelming. They actually come naturally if we love God and love other people.
 - d. No, it says his commands are not burdensome!
3. What does 5:4 say about us if we are born of God? _____

4. Who testifies that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah or Savior), according to 5:6-8?
 - a. The _____.
 - b. The _____.
 - c. The _____.
5. Should we listen to human testimony about God, according to 5:9?
 - a. No, we shouldn't listen to humans at all.
 - b. No, we just need to listen to God.
 - c. Yes, humans have often passed on testimony about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - d. Yes, but human testimony is not near as significant as the testimony of God's Spirit about himself.
6. Have you experienced the testimony of the Spirit of God or are you relying on human testimony? _____
7. Why is John writing this portion of the letter, according to 5:13? _____

How should this impact our prayers, according to 5:14-15? _____

8. What should you do if you see a "brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death" or unintentional miss God's perfect will for their lives? _____

Is this the same thing that you do if you see a brother or sister sin intentionally?
Yes_____ No_____ What, then, should we do (see also 1 Corinthians 5)? _____

9. Should we continue to sin as believers, according to 5:18? Yes_____ No_____
Are you continuing in intentional sin? _____