

If We Love God We Will Keep His Commandments

1 John 5:1-21

5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: **and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**

Does this verse mean that if you believe Jesus is the Christ you are born of God and have eternal life? That is what many would say. However, they never continued reading the rest of the chapter. This verse tells us that if you believe Jesus is the Christ you are born of God: and every one that loves God, loves him also that is begotten of Him. Which would be His children or Sons of God.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

A portion of the answer is now found in this verse. This verse tells us how we know if we have loved His children. It continues from verse 1. It tells us we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments. So, now we just learned that those Born of God, love His children, love God, and keep his commandments. One of his commandments was, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. See John 3:5.

So now we see that Jesus tells us to be Born of God you must be born of water and of the Spirit. So to fulfill the question from verse one, which was, Does verse 1 mean that if you believe Jesus is the Christ you are born of God and have eternal life? That to answer this question you also have to apply verse 2 which tells us that we must love His children, love God, and keep His commandments, of which one is specifically about what must be done to enter the Kingdom of God, which was how to be born again.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

This tells us how we know if we love God. Which is if we keep His commandments. And tells us that His commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God **overcometh the world:** and this is the victory that overcometh the world, **even our faith.**

This tells us we overcome the world, by faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Here a specific question was asked. Who is he that overcometh the world, is it he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

This verse tells us how Jesus Christ came. Which was by water and blood. Not water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. Who is the Spirit that bears this witness?

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” (John 14:16-18)

So this Spirit, which is the Spirit of Christ bears witness that Jesus came by water and blood. How did he come by water and blood? John 19:34 “But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.”

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Here we are told there are three that bear record in Heaven and these three are one. So who is the Father? God. Who is the Word? John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." So the Word is also God. Who is the Holy Ghost? “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (Jn 4:24) So the Holy Ghost is also God. We just learned that Jesus is the Comforter, the Spirit of truth. So what does all of this mean? That the three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, are God and His name is Jesus. So verse 7 said that the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost are one. It did not say these three are one made up of three. Because that would no longer be one, but three.

Remember , John 5:43 “ I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.”

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

Now we are told that there is three that bear witness in Earth. The Spirit, the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. We know that the Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Ghost; and that when the soldier pierced His side, there came out blood and water. So the question is what do these three agree in? They agree in how to be Born again. Which is the whole topic. Remember the question from verse 1? If not it was, does this verse mean that if you believe Jesus is the Christ you are born of God and have eternal life?

So now we see that the answer to this question is yes only if you have met all these other requirements. Which were: we must love His children, love God, and keep His commandments, of which one is specifically about what must be done to enter the Kingdom of God, which was how to be born again.

So the two questions that remain are, What then is the fulfilling of the commandment of God, to be born of water and of the Spirit? And if the Spirit, water, and the Blood agree in one, and it is Salvation. How then?

Question 1 was answered in:

Acts 2:36-39

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, **that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

37 Now when they **heard this**, they were **pricked in their heart**, and said unto **Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

38 Then **Peter** said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

39 **For the promise** is unto **you**, and to **your children**, and to **all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

So when we baptize in the name of Jesus we are being born of water and when we receive the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues, we are born of the Spirit.

This also fulfills Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”.

Which Peter understood and thus why he told them to be baptized in the name of Jesus. Do you recall that Jesus told Peter He would give him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven?

Matthew 16:17-19

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

18 And I say also unto thee, **That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

19 And I will give **unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven**: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Question 2 And if the Spirit, water, and the Blood agree in one, and it is Salvation. How then?

(John 19:34) Showed us the blood and water represents Jesus' death.

Romans 6:3-6

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as **were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?**

4 Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life.**

5 For if we have been **planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:**

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

So when you apply Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost”, The blood represents your repentance.

“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.” (Hebrews 9:22)

The water represents burying yourself into the death of Jesus which crucifies our bodies and puts sin to death, so that we also should walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-6 above)

The Spirit represents the Holy Ghost which is promised to you after taking on the name of Jesus Christ in baptism. (Acts 2:38 above)

(Continuing from 1 John 5)

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

This verse tells us that the witness of God is the testimony of His Son.

10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not **the record that God gave of his Son.**

This verse tell us that if you believe on the Son of God you have the witness in yourself: but he that does not believe makes God a liar, because he does not believe the record that God gave to Jesus.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Here we are told the record is eternal life given by God, and that this eternal life is in His Son Jesus.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

This tells us again that if you have Jesus you have eternal life. And if you do not have Jesus you do not have eternal life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Here we are told the reason of this chapter. That you might believe on the name of the Son of God, which is Jesus; so that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you might believe on the name of the Son of God, which is Jesus.

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

This verse tells us the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He will hear us.

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Here we are told, that if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, according to His will, we know that we will have the petitions that we have desired of Him.

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

This verse tells us that if we see our brother sin a sin that is not unto death, that if we ask, He shall give him life, if it were not a sin unto death. We are told that there is a sin unto death, and told not to pray for it, if our brother has committed that sin. That sin is Mark 3:29 “But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation”.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

Here we are told that all unrighteousness is sin: and that there is a sin not unto death. These are Mark 3:28 “Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme”.

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

Here we are told that one born of God sins not; but that he keeps himself, and the wicked one will not touch him. Does this mean that you can do anything you want and it is impossible for you to sin? Recall what this chapter has told us in verse 3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. Also:

Romans 6:15-16

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. Here we are told that we are of God, and the whole world lies in wickedness.

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

This verse tells us that now we know the Son of God, Jesus is come, and has given us and understanding, and that understanding is that we may know Him that is true, and that we are in Him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. And then we are told, that Jesus is the true God, and eternal life.

John 14:6-9

6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

7 **If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.**

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?**

21 Little children, **keep yourselves from idols. Amen.**

This verse tells us to keep ourselves from idols and was said because now we should have understood who God is.