

Introduction

What is the secret of joyful obedience? It is to recognize that obedience is a family matter. We are serving a loving Father and helping our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have been born of God, we love God, and we love God's children. And we demonstrate this love by keeping God's commandments.

- Warren Wiersbe, Be Real (1 John)

Introduction

Key Verse

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may [continue to] believe in the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:1-8

Joyful Obedience

Vv 1-3

Living Out God's Love

Vv 1-3 – Living Out God’s Love

“...whatever choice we make, if we are not going to be hypocritical, we are committed to live by it. As indicated by the very definition of worldview, we “live and move and have our being” in accord with the worldview we really hold, not the one we merely confess. A fearless honesty should characterize both our self-analysis-where we are now-and our pursuit of truth.”

– James Sire: The Universe Next Door.

Vv 1-3 – Living Out God's Love

We show our love to God not by empty words but by willing works. We are not slaves obeying a master; we are children obeying a Father. And our sin is a family affair.

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Vv 1-3 – Living Out God's Love

Jeremiah 31:33

"But this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Vv 4-5

Living Out God's Victory

Vv 4-5 – Living Out God’s Victory

- *In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world (John 16:33).*
- *you have overcome the wicked one (1 John 2:13-14).*
- *To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne (Revelation 3:21).*
- *(Revelation 12:11)*
Overcomers overcome because the blood of Jesus overcomes Satan’s accusations, the word of their testimony overcomes Satan’s deceptions, and loving not their lives overcomes Satan’s violence (Guzik)

Vv 6-8

Jesus: In Whom We Live

Vv 6-8 – Jesus: In Whom We Live

1 John 5:7-8

should more accurately read: *For there are three that bear witness: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.*

MEDITATION VERSE

1 John 5:2-3

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

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.

And His commandments are not burdensome.

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BENEDICTION

Eph. 6:23-24

*Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grace [be] with all those who love our Lord
Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.*