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¹Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **I John 5:1-5 NASB**

- Our new birth and faith in who Jesus is and what He has done is the victory, the overcoming that John is writing about.
- We believe and then are transferred from the domain (domination) of darkness to the Kingdom of God...transferred in order to be transformed.
- Remember **I John 4:17**...

“By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.” **I John 4:17 NASB**

- “As He is, so are we in this world.” – Jesus did not live fearfully in this world...neither should we. His love overcomes the fear that the enemy sends to toxify the atmosphere where we live.

⁶This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. ¹⁰The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. ¹¹And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. **I John 5:6-12 NASB**

- The Spirit, the water, and the blood

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⁶ This is He Who came by (with) water and blood [His baptism and His death], Jesus Christ (the Messiah)—not by (in) the water only, but by (in) the water and the blood. And it is the [Holy] Spirit Who bears witness, because the [Holy] Spirit is the Truth.

⁷ So there are three witnesses *in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are One;*

⁸ *and there are three witnesses on the earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree [are in unison; their testimony coincides].* **I John 5:6-8 AMPC**

- The Spirit of Truth

²⁶ “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,* ²⁷*and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.* **John 15:26-27 NASB**

But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, *He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.* **John 16:13 NASB**

- ...” our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth (of the Bible) is from the work of the Holy Spirit, bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts...” **Westminster Confession**

He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life. **I John 5:12 AMPC**

- He who believes in the Son of God...has the testimony...this divine attestation within himself...
- “The objective realities of all that Jesus accomplished for us by His death, burial, and resurrection become internalized in our experience now. – **David Jackson**

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God. **Romans 8:16 NASB**

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” **Galatians 4:6 NASB**

- Eternal life...the life of eternity is in God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. **John 5:21 NASB**

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For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;
John 5:26 NASB

²even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. ³This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. **John 17:2-3 NASB**

- You can know...You can really know!

¹¹And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. **I John 5:11-13 NASB**

¹¹ And this is that testimony (that evidence): God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

¹² He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life. ¹³ I write this to you who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) the name of

the Son of God [in the peculiar services and blessings conferred by Him on men], so that you may know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have life, yes, eternal life. **I**

John 5:11-13 AMPC

¹¹This is the true testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life has its source in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has *eternal* life; whoever does not have the Son does not possess *eternal* life. ¹³I've written this letter to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you will *be assured and* know without a doubt that you have eternal life. **The Passion Translation**

- John lists five rock solid certainties so you can know that you have eternal life.
- He uses the word 'know' seven times in the next eight verses...he wants us to know the truth...

¹⁴This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have

the requests which we have asked from Him. ¹⁶If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not *leading* to death, he shall ask and *God* will for him give life to those who commit sin

not *leading* to death. There is a *sin leading* to death; I do not say that he should make request

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for this. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not *leading* to death. ¹⁸We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. ¹⁹We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. ²¹Little children, guard yourselves from idols. **I John 5:14-21 NASB**

- These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know you have eternal life.
 - Everything John has written in the first four and a half chapters of this book are for this purpose.
 - ‘Believe’ ...we give our ‘all’ to Him...not intellectual acceptance alone but ‘selling out’ and ‘buying in.’

The Five Rock Foundations

1. That you may know that you have eternal life...assurance of your salvation is the first thing...confidence about your life in God’s external life is not so much a period of time but a person...
2. Confidence in answered prayer. (**v 14-17**)
3. Victory over sin and Satan. (**v18**) (See **Romans 6:15-22**)
4. We are of God...we belong to Him. (**v 19**)
5. Jesus is God...Jesus Christ truly is God...(v20)