

“Spiritual Birthmarks”

1st John 5:1-5 Study Guide

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Background and Theme

Author: The Apostle John

Date Written: 90-92 AD

Audience: The global church close to the turn of the first century who was growing, persecuted, and learning to live for Jesus.

Theme of 1st John: Walking in the Light

I. Love

II. Obedience

III. Faith

Verses Referenced: Romans 8:15-16, John 13:34-35, John 14:15, John 14:21, Matthew 22:37-40, John 15:1-8,

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- 1. John has consistently spoken of a believer's salvation showing out in their life. Why do you think this is such an important topic to John, and why should it be important to us?

- 2. John revisits the topic of love with almost every section of verses that we read. Why do you think love is at the forefront of his mind, even over obedience and faith?

- 3. How have you personally experienced the commandments of God not being burdensome in your own life? How can you share that they are not burdensome with those you know?

- 4. Do you have an abiding faith in the Lord?
 - If so, how have you seen it help you to overcome this world and the flesh?

 - If not, what steps do you need to take to start abiding in Jesus?

This week, re-read 1st John 5:1-5 and pray through the truths you find while reading. Find someone to discuss these chapters with, and share the word with someone you don't know as well.

Notes:

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