

**3 Johns Study Series**  
**Study #5: The Witness of God and Global Climate Strike**  
**1 John 5:1 - 21**  
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**How to do you know that you believe and know God? (Bible Objectivity)**

**1 John 5:1-3**

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.

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

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

**Summary: How to you know that you believe and know God:**

1) Born again of God

2) Believe in Jesus Christ

3) Love other "children of God"

4) Love God and Keep His commandments of God

Grievous = burden

Verse 3 the commandments of God are NOT a burden but liberty, true freedom, joy, happiness, and a great delight. The commandments of God are a blessing to those who keep them!

**What are ten great blessings of keeping ALL the Ten Commandments of God?**

**James 1:25**

25 But whoso looketh into the **perfect law of liberty**, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a **doer of the work**, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

**Psalms 19:7-8**

7 The **law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul**: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The **statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart**: the **commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes**.

**Psalms 119:47-48**

47 And I will **delight myself in thy commandments**, which I **have loved**.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

**Psalms 119:103-104**

103 How **sweet are thy words unto my taste!** yea, sweeter than **honey to my mouth!**

104 Through thy **precepts (commandments) I get understanding**: therefore I hate every false way.

**Romans 7:12**

12 Wherefore the **law is holy**, and the **commandment holy, and just, and good**.

### **Hebrews 8:10**

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will **put my laws into their mind**, and **write them in their hearts**: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people

### **Revelation 22:14**

14 **Blessed are they that do his commandments**, that they may have **right to the tree of life**, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

### **Blessings of the Ten Commandments**

1. Liberty
2. Converts the soul
3. Heart rejoices
4. Pure
5. Enlightening
6. Sweeter than honey
7. Gives understanding
8. Holy, just and good!
9. God will write the Ten Commandments upon our hearts
10. Enter the gates of the Heavenly city and eat from the tree of Life!

Remember the commandments of God are the transcript of the character of God. Anyone who attacks the commandments of God are attacking God and his everlasting covenant.

### **What is the victory of those who are truly born again?**

#### **1 John 5:4, 5**

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

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

### **Jesus gives us victory by faith!**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:57**

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **What are the two great things that Jesus came through?**

#### **1 John 5:6**

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.

### **Water and the blood!**

#### **John 19:34-35**

34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

Those who are born again MUST also come by the water and the blood.

Water is the essence of life. All living things depend on water. Every single cell in the body depends on water for vitality and cleansing inside and out.

Pure water is a natural outside resource that we MUST drink in order to receive the benefits and blessings.

### **The main components of blood**

- **55% Plasma** - mixture of water, sugar, fat, protein, and salts. Plasma is the transportation network that carries blood cells, nutrients, waste, antibodies, clotting proteins, and hormones throughout your body.
- **44% Red blood cells** – its primary function is to carry oxygen from the lungs to every cell in the body (Hemoglobin).
- **1% White blood cells** – helps with the body's natural defense system against viruses, bacteria, foreign invaders, cancer, and other things that could make us sick.

Our physical body depends on the water and the blood. Without them we will cease to exist. The same is true from a spiritual perspective. Jesus is the water of life and His blood redeems us back to God.

Jesus was without sin, yet He was baptized as our example.

### **What does water baptism represent?**

#### **Romans 6:3-4**

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.**

Baptized (Greek) = baptizō [bap-tid'-zo]

From a derivative of G911; **to makewhelmed (that is, fully wet)**

Baptism is not sprinkling of water like the Catholic's perform but total immersion into the water.

### **Who bared record that Jesus went through the water and blood? The Godhead (not Trinity)**

#### **1 John 5:7-8**

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

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

The Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost is the Godhead of Heaven and all creation. They all are Lord, independent of each other, but yet one in spirit. Each one does not depend on the other for existence. The trinity doctrine is falsely promoted by the Catholic church. It teaches that Jesus came out of the Father and that the Spirit came out of Jesus. If this was the case Jesus would not be Lord, but a created being of the Father. There are some that confuse the Godhead and Trinity by using the word trinity to substitute the word Godhead.

#### **Romans 1:20**

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Godhead (Greek) = theiotēs [thi-ot'-ace]  
From G2304; **divinity** (abstractly): - godhead.

Godhead is the divine embodiment of God's government.

Witness = testify

How many witnesses do you need to establish the truth?

### **Deuteronomy 19:15**

15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: **at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.**

### **Matthew 18:15-16**

15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, **that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.**

All three were witnesses at the baptism of Jesus Christ:

### **Matthew 3:16-17**

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**We are baptized in the name of divinity:**

### **Matthew 28:19**

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:**

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost have specific roles for the salvation of men. They are unified as one mind.

Go back to 1 John Ch 5. The witness of the Godhead validates the everlasting covenant and the ministry of Jesus Christ.

### **1 John 5:9**

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.**

### **What is God's record of the witness of Jesus Christ?**

#### **1 John 5:10-11**

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.

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

### **What is the confidence that we have in Christ?**

#### **1 John 5:12-15**

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

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

### **What does Jesus say?**

Luke 11:9-13

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

### **Does God hear the prayers of those who reject His law?**

#### **Proverbs 28:9**

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, **even his prayer shall be abomination**.

#### **Psalms 66:18**

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

#### **Zechariah 7:11-13**

11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

13 Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and **I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts**:

The prayers of those who reject God's law does not get pass the ceiling! Their prayers are fruitless unless they repent and become doers of God's laws. What about the prayers of those who reject God's seventh-day Sabbath? Their prayers are an abomination. God does not hear them. They receive the curses instead of the blessings of God.

### **What should we do if we see our brother or sister in sin?**

#### **1 John 5:16-17**

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.

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

**The ultimate penalty for sin is eternal death. So what is John referring to when he is talking about a sin unto death or a sin not unto death?**

A sin unto death is a sin in which God has decreed a sentence of death.

**What are some examples of a sin unto death found in the Bible?**

**Numbers 15:30-36**

30 But the soul that doeth ought **presumptuously**, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his **iniquity** shall be upon him.

32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

**Presumptuously = to exalt self, bold rebellion against God.**

**Numbers 14:27-34**

27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, **shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.**

40 And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.

42 Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.

43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.

44 But they **presumed** to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.

## **Korah rebellion**

### **Numbers 16:25-32**

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:

**32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.**

Go back to 1 John 5

## **What are blessings of being one who is born of God?**

### **1 John 5:18-21**

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.

19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth 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.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

All who are born again in Christ – not only keep the Law of GOD, they know God and His character. They know the distinction between the things of God and the things of the world. We know that Jesus is true and that His covenant of eternal life is true for those who are faithful to Him. The faithful do NOT worship idols.

Idolatry has become a major issue in modern churches today because of the worldliness that is promoted in church today.

Mark of the Beast prophecy update:

Climate change – All the world has signed the Paris Agreement that was pushed by Papal Rome. Laudato Si - Pushes Sunday false “Sabbath” and the Eucharist as one of the solutions to climate change

The climate change protests are heating up world-wide

School strike worldwide this past Friday, yesterday

**How big was the global climate strike? 4 million people, activists estimate.** Vox.com By Eliza Barclay and Brian Resnick Sep 20, 2019.

“Friday was a truly historic day for the potent new social movement committed to sounding a global alarm about the climate crisis. The [Global Climate Strikes](#), inspired by Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, age 16, may end up being the largest mass protest for action on global warming in history.”

There were 40,000 people striking in France; 2,600 in Ukraine; 5,000 in South Africa; 10,000 in Turkey; 5,000 in Japan; 100,000 in London; 330,000 in Australia; 250,000 in NYC; and 1.4 million in Germany, 350.org told us.

UN Agenda Update:

### **Climate Action Summit, 23 September Un.org**

“Climate change is the defining issue of our time and now is the defining moment to do something about it. There is still time to tackle climate change, but it will require an unprecedented effort from all sectors of society. To boost ambition and accelerate actions to implement the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, UN Secretary-General António Guterres is asking leaders, from government, business and civil society, to come to the 2019 Climate Action Summit on 23 September with plans to address the global climate emergency. The Summit will spark the transformation that is urgently needed and propel action that will benefit everyone.”

### **More Sunday “Sabbath” propaganda – Mark of the Beast**

- **Core Decorum:** your Sunday best includes rest, The University News, September 18, 2019, Student Paper of the University of Dallas.
- **Churchill:** The importance of slowing down, Reconsidering the idea of blue laws, Times Union Chris Churchill Sep. 14, 2019
- Bill Tinsley: **A place to rest**, The Daily Jeff, September 20
- Opinion: **Why Catholics should not play sports on Sundays**, Diane Hofsess. Detroit News, August 24, 2019 - “Archbishop Allen Vigneron took back Sunday as a day of worship, rest, prayer and family when he issued a head-turning pastoral note in May to Detroit’s 1.3 million Catholics, saying there will be no more Sunday sporting events or practices for Detroit youths starting with this school year.”