

**FIRST JOHN CHAPTER FIVE**  
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**THE CHILDREN: (1-5)**

- A. The Children and Conversion: “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God” (1)
- B. The Children and Charity: (1-2)
  - a. “Every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him” (1)
  - b. “By this we know that we love the children of God” (2)
    - i. “When we love God”
    - ii. When we “keep his commandments”
- C. The Children and Commandments: (3)
  - a. “For this is the love of God”
    - i. “That we keep his commandments”
    - ii. “And his commandments are not grievous”
- D. The Children and The Cosmos: (4-5)
  - a. “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world” (4)
  - b. “And this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith” (4)
  - c. “Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” (5)

**THE CHRIST: (6-10)**

- A. The Christ and Water: (6)
  - a. “This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ”
  - b. This is he that came “not by water only, but by water and blood”
- B. The Christ and the Witnesses: (6-8)
  - a. “And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth” (6)
  - b. “For there are three that bear record in heaven” (7)
    - i. “The Father”
    - ii. “The Word”
    - iii. “The Holy Ghost”
    - iv. “These three are one”
  - c. “And there are three that bear witness in earth” (8)
    - i. “The Spirit”
    - ii. “The water”
    - iii. “The blood”
    - iv. “These three agree in one”
- C. The Christ and the Word: (9-10)
  - a. “If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater” (9)
  - b. “For this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son” (9)
  - c. “He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself” (10)
  - d. “He that believeth not God” (10)
    - i. “Hath made him a liar”
    - ii. “He believeth not the record that God gave of his Son”

THE CROWN: (11-13, 20)

- A. The Crown of Life: (11)
  - a. The Record: “And this is the record”
  - b. The Reward: “God hath given to us eternal life”
  - c. The Realm: “This life is in his Son”
- B. The Christ and Life: (12)
  - a. “He that hath the Son hath life”
  - b. “He that hath not the Son of God hath not life”
- C. The Christian and Life: (13)
  - a. “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God”
    - i. “That ye may know that ye have eternal life”
    - ii. “That ye may believe on the name of the Son of God”
  - b. “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding” (20)
    - i. “That we may know him that is true”
    - ii. That we may know that “we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ”
  - c. “This is the true God, and eternal life”

THE CONFIDENCE: (14-19)

- A. Christians and Confidence and The Son: (14-15)
  - a. “And this is the confidence that we have in him” (14)
  - b. “That, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us” (14)
  - c. “And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him” (15)
- B. Christians and Confidence and Sin: (16-17)
  - a. Sin not unto death: “He shall ask” (16-17)
    - i. “If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death” (16)
    - ii. “He shall give him life for them that sin not unto death” (16)
    - iii. “All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death” (17)
  - b. Sin unto death: (16)
    - i. “There is a sin unto death”
    - ii. “I do not say that he shall pray for it”
  - c. Christians and Confidence and Conversion and Sin: (18-19)
    - i. “We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not” (18)
    - ii. “He that is begotten of God keepeth himself” (18)
    - iii. “That wicked one toucheth him not”(18)
    - iv. “*And* we know that we are of God” (19)
    - v. We know that “the whole world lieth in wickedness” (19)

THE CONCLUSION: (21)

- A. “Little children, keep yourselves from idols”
- B. “Amen”