



# International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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## **1 John 5:1-5 Study Hints for Discussion**

### **Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further**

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

### **1. How do you know you are born of God? What does that mean to you?**

You know you are born of God if you believe that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God (see 1 John 5:1,2) according to the Bible. I have faith that I can trust God the Father and Jesus Christ in this world and through eternity to love me and treat me as a child of God.

### **2. What do you think John meant to illustrate when He wrote “everyone who loves the parent loves the child”**

If we love God the Father, we will love all His children, which includes Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, and those who are the Father’s children by adoption by grace

through faith in Jesus Christ.

### **3. How do we know that we love the children of God?**

We can know when we love God and keep His commands; therefore, we will certainly love the children of God and know when we them.

### **4. How do we love God or how do we show God that we love God?**

We love God by obeying His commandments, which includes loving God, our neighbors, ourselves, other children of God and our enemies.

### **5. What did John say was not burdensome? Why are they not burdensome?**

God's commands are not burdensome because we love God and are not trying to escape punishment from God by obeying God's commands. We love God because we are forgiven, and Jesus made our forgiveness justly and mercifully possible by His sacrificial death on the cross. Love for God is our ultimate motive or reason for doing what God says and following Jesus Christ according to the Bible.

#### **Thinking Further for Extra Credit Your Discussion Notes**

1. If obeying God seems oppressive or tyrannical or troublesome to someone, what might that mean or reveal about them?

2. How would you describe to someone your feelings about obeying God.

3. Why would someone obey or want to obey God for the right reasons?

4. What does “conquer the world” mean to you?

5. Describe the type of person who conquers the world? How does this person conquer the world?

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