



# *First Epistle of John* (Lesson # 33)

## ***1 John 5:1-3 – Our Relationship to God pt 1***

### **1<sup>st</sup> John has 5 chapters**

**1 Preface 1:1-4**

**2 God is Light, so His children ought to walk in the Light 1:5-2:29**

**3 God is Love, so His children ought to walk in the Love 3:1-5:12**

**4 Conclusion 5:13-21**

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- 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.
- 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.



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1 Πᾶς [adj indef nom masc sing] **Whoever** – personal & masculine not neuter form

-- This NOT our new nature, this is the new in kind us

ὁ πιστεύων [art+part pres act nom masc sing πιστεύω] **the one who is believing**

ὅτι [conj ὅτι] **that**, because, for

Ἰησοῦς [n nom masc sing proper Ἰησοῦς] **Jesus**

ἐστὶν [v ind pres act 3p s εἰμί] **is being** existing

ὁ χριστός, [art+n nom masc sing proper Χριστός] **the Christ** messiah promised by God

ἐκ [prep pers + genitive] **out from** denoting origin as out from one into another family

τοῦ θεοῦ [art+n gen masc sing θεός] **the God**

γεγέννηται· [v ind perf pass 3p sing γεννάω] **has been born**

\*\* My literal translation

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πᾶς [adj indef nom masc sing] **whoever** – personal not neuter form This NOT our new nature, this is the new in kind us

ὁ ἀγαπῶν [art+part pres act nom masc sing ἀγαπάω] **the one who is loving**

τὸν γεννήσαντα [art+part aor act acc masc sing γεννάω] ] **the One Who begat**

-- Note: NASU has Father but notes that Greek is “one who begets”

ἀγαπᾷ [v ind pres act 3p sing ἀγαπάω] **is loving**

καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, **also**, even

τὸν γεγεννημένον [art+part perf pass acc masc sing γεννάω] **the one who has been begotten** -- Note: NASU has child but notes that Greek is “or begotten”

ἐξ [prep pers + genitive] **out from** denoting origin as to family

αὐτοῦ. [pro pers gen masc sing αὐτός] **from Him** taken here as gen of source

## \*\* My literal translation

Whoever the one who is believing that Jesus is being the Christ, out from the God has been born, **and whoever the one who is loving the One Who begat, is loving also the one who has been begotten out from Him**

\* English is NASU 1995

Greek is from Byzantine Text 1995

\*\* in original word order, italicized



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\*2 **By this we know that we love the children of God**, when we love God and observe His commandments.

2' **Εν** [prep **ἐν**] locative in, within, instrumental **by**, through, with, because of

**τούτῳ** [pro dem dat neut sing **οὗτος**] **this**

-- Note: "this" points forward in this case to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the verse, (next slide)

**γινώσκωμεν** [v ind pres act 1p pl **γινώσκω**] **we are knowing** idea of coming to know

**ὅτι** [conj **ὅτι**] **that**, because, for

**ἀγαπῶμεν** [v ind pres act 1p pl **ἀγαπάω**] **we are loving** mood of reality

**τὰ τέκνα** [art+n acc neut pl **τέκνον**] **the children**

**τοῦ θεοῦ**, [art+n gen masc sing **θεός**] **of the God** gen of source

\*\* **My literal translation**

**By this we are knowing that we are loving the children of the God**





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<sup>2</sup>...ὅταν [conj subordinating ὅταν] **when** used with the present subjunctive to indicate action contemporaneous with the main clause - when, whenever,  
τὸν θεὸν [art+n acc masc sing θεός] **the God**  
ἀγαπῶμεν, [v subj pres act 1p pl ἀγαπάω] **we are loving** mood of potential  
καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even  
τὰς ἐντολὰς [art+n acc fem pl ἐντολή] **the commandments**  
αὐτοῦ [pro pers gen masc sing αὐτός] **from Him** or His gen of source  
τηρῶμεν.[v subj pres act 1p pl τηρέω] **we are keeping** mood of potential, idea of guarding, keeping secure, preserving His work in and thru us

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By this we are knowing that we are loving the children of the God, **when the God we are loving and the commandments from Him we are keeping..**



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**Alexandrian** texts have ποιῶμεν [v subj pres act 1p pl ποιέω] we are working, mood of potential, idea that we are producing obedience rather than God's nature simply being obedient as that is His nature

**Poieo** has idea of our work that produces, **Taereo** has idea of our guarding, preserving Both can be taken metamorphically as obey, but the important difference is the source of the action here,

**So, is it poieo, work we do, or taereo, God's work we allow Him to do through us**

**Taereo** agrees with verse 16, that it is God's work with us as His instruments of love...

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\*3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments;** and His commandments are not burdensome.

<sup>3</sup> **Αὕτη** [pro dem nom fem sing οὗτος] **this** refers forward to the love here  
**γάρ** [conj coord γάρ] **for** post positive position, we say it 1<sup>st</sup> in translation  
**ἔστιν** [v ind pres act 3p sing εἰμί] **is being** existing] mood of reality  
**ἡ ἀγάπη** [art+n nom fem sing ἀγάπη] **the love**  
**τοῦ θεοῦ**, [art+n gen masc sing θεός] **of the God** gen of source, or gen of object  
taken as gen of source here, God's love comes to His goal with us and results in Him  
loving thru us, as He works out in and through us His perfect expression of love.

**ἵνα** [conj sub ἵνα] **that**, in order that

**τὰς ἐντολὰς** [art+n acc fem pl ἐντολή] **the commandments**  
**αὐτοῦ** [pro pers gen masc sing αὐτός] **from Him** or **His** gen of source]  
**τηρῶμεν**· [v subj pres act 1p pl τηρέω] **we are keeping** mood of potential

Note: **taereo** is in both Alexandrian and Byzantine texts here...

\*\* **My literal translation**

**for this is being the love of the God, that the commandments from Him we are keeping,**





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αἱ ἐντολαὶ [art+n nom fem pl ἐντολή] **the commandments**

αὐτοῦ [pro pers gen masc sing αὐτός] **from Him** or **His** gen of source]

*His commands are to believe on Him(Jesus, God's Son) whom He(the Father) has sent, and to love one another(God's family) as I (the Son) have loved you.*

*(John 6:29 & 13:34)*

βαρεῖαι [adj nom fem pl βαρύς] heavy, **burdensome**

οὐκ [adv οὐ] **not**, adversative of real

εἰσίν. [v ind pres act 3p pl εἶμι] **are being** existing]

*Take my yoke upon you, & learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matt11:29-30)*

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for this is being the love of the God, that the commandments of Him we are keeping, **and the commandments from Him burdensome not are being.**



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\*\*\* <sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ, out from God has been born and as a result is His child. And everyone who loves the One who begot, loves the one who has been begotten out from Him. <sup>2</sup> In this we know experientially that we are habitually loving the born-ones of God, whenever God we are habitually loving and His commandments are habitually guarding and observing with solicitous care <sup>3</sup> For this is the love for God, namely, that we are habitually and with solicitous care guarding and observing His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

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\*\*\* Wuest's expanded translation



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**A bit of overview to stir up our minds by remembrance**

- John wrote 5 of the books in the New Testament Scriptures, The Gospel of John, 1st-3rd John, and The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

John's Gospel is about Christ revealing His Glory to us

Our past

Salvation to believe

John's Letters are about Christ sharing His Glory with us

Our present

Sanctification of harmony & joy

Revelation is about Christ's Glory being recognized & honored

Our future

Sharing His Glory & praising Him

- John presents Christ as God's way of entering into His new **family**
- 1 John presents God's children as His new **family** in **harmony & joy**
- Revelation presents Christ's absolute **Glory recognized & honored**
- Paul's writings present Christ's new creation, identified as His **body**, **positionally** complete, and **conditionally** growing into His likeness



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## Some observations from 1 John chapters 1-4

- 1 John (all of it) presents God's children as His new **family** in **harmony & joy**
- 1 John 2 presents the truth that God is Light
- 1 John 3 presents the truth that God is Love
- 1 John 4 presents The Spirit of Truth vs The spirit of error
- Many followers of those who teach this book as being a book of “tests” for a person coming to know if they are saved or lost are confused, along with their teachers, because they have not observed that this book is for believers, to give us assurance that God is the One Who saves, holds, and cleans every one of us, in His “new in kind” family of Church age believers.
- Please check out what I am presenting by the text of scripture alone, not based on what may be favorite personal assumptions, but God's reality.
- The booklet of **Dennis M. Rokser** titled “**How to Interpret 1 John**”, available on line from Grace Gospel Press on Amazon, I believe clearly explains God's message in 1 John from the text and context of Scripture alone





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## Some detailed observations from 1 John 5:1-3

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- **1 John chapter 5 opens with the intimate relationship we have with God**
- **Anyone believing the Jesus is God's promised Messiah who has paid the penalty for his sins, is born by God into God's Church age Family.**
- **As born from God ones, when we love God, we will love all of God's family.**
- **We experience love for all of God's family when we openly believe on Him and His work on the cross for us, and let Him love all His family through us.**
- **God is love, and as we are changed to be like Him, we are love now too.**
- **His commands are to believe on Him(Jesus, God's Son) whom He(the Father) has sent, and to love one another(God's family) as I (the Son) have loved you.**
- **God's commands are like Divine love songs that we joyfully sing with Him.**

**We are God's love songs**





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## Summary observations from 1 John 5:1-3

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**When? The time of this text is right now, as God forms His Church.**

**Where? The place of this text is the earth, the chaotic organized by man world.**

**Who? Jesus Christ, God's Son and God's perfect human expression of Himself, and each member of His Church being God's instruments to show His love.**

**What? Divine Love, expressed in and through each member of His Church.**

**How? By God pouring out His perfect love in and through each member of His Church.**

**Why? So God could give each member of His Church the experience of His perfect love both for Him and each other, & so God could show to all men His Love, by His love being shown right now, in His Church Family of believers.**

**This is God's Grace**