

09 – 1 John 5:1-12 – Victorious Living

What is the external evidence that someone is a follower of Jesus?

... pursue showing love

- 'God shaped'
- 'Salvation focussed'
- 'Gospel hearted'
- 'Spirit inspired'
- 'Word of God'
- 'self sacrificial'

... their love for each other will be shaped by obedience to God's word.

- 1 John 2:14

1) Love is shown in Obedience

1 John 5:1

... love God.

... love his child

1 John 2:22-23, "Who is a liar. It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah). Such a person is the anti-Christ – denying the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also."

1 John 4:3 ... those who are anti-Christ are NOT from God.

...we will obey his commands.

John 8:42, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God".

2) Obedience is not burdensome

1 John 5:3 ... God's commands are not burdensome.

... obedience is not legalistic but grace driven.

... Obedience is driven by a desire to honour and serve the one who saves.

... we are indwelt with God's Spirit

Our best life =

3) Victorious living

1 John 5:4, “for every one born of God over comes the world. This is victory that has overcome this world, even our faith”.

... because he has purified us, atoned for our sin and is advocating on our behalf when we do sin.

... everything to do with the victory Jesus won on the cross that enabled us to be born of God.

4) Confirmation this truth is true

1 John 5:5, 11

v 6 , “Jesus is the one who came by water and by blood” and also it is the spirit of truth that testifies to this truth.”.

... problem

- i) Water and blood = reference to Jesus physical birth**
 - a) 1 John 4:2 ... Jesus is the Messiah who has come in the flesh**
 - b) Many references to being ‘born of God’**
 - c) Seen as too obvious...**
- ii) Water and blood = “Jesus’ baptism and then his death on the cross”.**
 - a) At baptism ... “this is my Son, whom I love listen to him”.**
 - 1 John 5:9 ...Father’s testimony greater than any human testimony.**
 - b) Jesus blood purifying us**
 - c) clear evidence from God that Jesus is the Christ , the son of God.**

For us today

Obedience to God matters

... unloving and a reflection that we are no longer following God if you reject the commands of the bible