



The Drone Series

A 52-Week Journey Through the Bible

Soaring through the pages of the Bible and embarking on an inspiring weekly journey from <u>Genesis to Revelation!</u> Dive into transformative insights that will uplift your spirit and deepen your understanding. Experience the power of scripture like never before!

We understand that spiritual growth can be a deeply personal journey, and we invite you to join us as we explore a different book of the Bible each week. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect and find inspiration together. We encourage you to invite a friend to join us, whether in person or online, so we can support each other on this meaningful path.

Background Matters

If one asks who his Christian brother or sister is, the answer is that **everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God** (cf. "born of God" in 3:9; 4:7; 5:4, 18). Whether or not a believer exhibits an admirable life, he should be an object of his fellow Christian's love. This love does not spring from something lovable in the person himself, but from his paternity, since **everyone who loves the Father loves His child as well**. Moreover, **love** for God's **children** is not mere sentiment or verbal expression (cf. 3:18), but is inseparable from **loving God and** obeying **His commands** (5:2; cf. 2:3; 3:22, 24; 5:3).

If a further question is asked about what it means to **love** ... **God**, the answer is, **to obey His commands**. Thus the apostle, by this series of statements, reduces love for God and one's fellow Christians to its fundamental character. A person who obeys God's commands is doing what is right, both toward God and toward his fellow believers and is thus loving both God and them. But it must be remembered that this includes the willingness to sacrifice for one's brother (cf. 3:16–17).

B. Love empowered (5:3b–15)

If love for God and one's fellow Christians is at its core obedience to God's commands, how can these be carried out? Are they beyond the capacity of a believer? In this section John pointed to faith as the secret of a victorious, obedient life.



As a matter of fact, God's commands are not burdensome (cf. Matt. 11:30). This is because the principle of victory resides in everyone born of God. Every such person has already overcome the world (cf. 1 John 4:4). His faith in Christ, by which he was regenerated, constitutes a victory over the world system which is satanically blinded to the gospel (cf. 2 Cor. 4:3–4). Who is it then that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.¹

<u>In this Week's Drone Series</u>, we land the Drone in 1 John Chapter 5, where the Apostle tackles what true faith in Jesus looks like. John, who walked with Jesus for the three years of his earthly ministry, experienced firsthand what Jesus was like and how it made him feel having a personal relationship with Him.

As we focus on 1 John Chapter 5, John's reflections reveal that genuine faith is not just intellectual agreement but a transformative trust that shapes how we live and love. He explains that believing in Jesus as the Son of God means being spiritually reborn, and this new birth empowers us to overcome the world's challenges. True faith, according to John, is inseparable from love—both for God and for fellow believers—and is demonstrated through obedience to God's commands. This obedience is not a heavy burden but the natural outflow of a heart renewed by faith, allowing us to experience victory and assurance in our walk with Christ.

Faith in the Son of God 1 John 5:1–12

Study Guide 48
This study guide presents daily assignments that are specifically crafted to enhance your growth in the Word. Embrace each moment to meditate and reflect, and watch as your spiritual maturity flourishes through your dedicated efforts.

Open It, Mondays. Open your heart and mind to the truth of the Word.

1.	How do you demonstrate love for your parents?

¹ Zane C. Hodges, "1 John," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 900–901.



Explore It, Tuesdays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

2.	Who is born of God? (5:1)
3.	How can a person know if he or she loves God's people? (5:2)
4.	What is love for God? (5:2)
5.	*What unique quality do God's commands have? Why is this true? (5:3–4)
6.	*How can we overcome the world? (5:4–5)
7.	How did Jesus Christ come? (5:6)
8.	What three things are in agreement? (5:7–8)
кр	lore It, Wednesdays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.
9.	Why is God's testimony greater than man's testimony? (5:9)
10.	Who has made God out to be a liar? (5:10)
11.	What testimony has God given concerning His Son? (5:10–11)



12.	What do we have if we have Christ in us? (5:12)
13.	What does it mean to be born of God?
14.	How can we know that we are born of God?
15.	How do you know that you are a child of God?
Get	It Thursdays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.
16.	What are the commands of God with which you struggle with obeying?
17.	In what way should we love the children of God?
18.	*When have you thought that God's commands were burdensome?
19.	*What does it mean to overcome the world?
20.	How have you overcome the world?
21.	What is your relationship to the Son?



Drive it Home, Fridays, keep the rhythm of personal study moving.

	How can a person receive eternal life?
23.	*How will you demonstrate your love for the Father today?
24.	What steps do you need to take in order to be certain you are a child of God?
25.	What will you do to celebrate your life in the Son today?

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