

CHAPTER FIVE

Vs 1 With the teachings of 1 Jn 4:7-21, one might ask
"and who is my brother?"

The ANSWER: "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ
is your brother!"
THEY ARE "BORN OF GOD"!

REMEMBER: Other signs that this birth has occurred:
1Jn4:7; 5:4,18

Whatever the differences among believers, they
should be an object of love to the believer.

NOTE: This love does not spring from something
loveable in the person himself; but from
the fact that we all share a common
Father.

To love the Father always contains within it, a love for the
Father's other children.

Vs 2 Another Question might be asked
"What does 'to love' mean?"

A person who obeys God's commands is one who is doing what
is right, both toward God and toward fellow believers.

Vs 3 FOR this is the Love of God:
1. We keep His commandments

2. His commandments are not burdensome
Matt 11:30

Vs 4 For whatever (all that is) is born of God
1. overcomes the world
This victory is the product of our faith
The world 2 Cor 4:3-4; Eph 2:1-3 no longer
controls us.

We have been set free.
We were blind but now we see.

Vs 5 The Faith which saves us has an object - JESUS, THE SON OF GOD
We believe this.

IT IS NOT FAITH THAT SAVES; IT IS JESUS, WHO SAVES

His commandments are not burdensome because they are not obeyed for salvation. They are the natural outflow of a soul that has been saved.

Vs 6 Water - Baptism Matt 3:13-17

Blood - Crucifixion

John is probably refuting a false teaching of the time, which taught that the Spirit came at Christ's baptism but left Him before the crucifixion.

The statement here in First John makes it clear that Christ's entire ministry, start to finish, involved the Divine Person.

Vs 7-8 The witness
 1. The Water Matt 3:17

 2. The Blood Matt 2:39-44

 3. The Spirit Jn 14:25-26

Vs 9 If we receive the witness of men - accepted
 Deut 19:15

The witness of God is Greater:
 At His Baptism

 At His Transfiguration

 By His Spirit

1. Through His Apostles - written Word

2. Through those that heard them - Jn 17:20

3. Through miracles - Heb 2:3-4

HAS GOD NOT BORN WITNESS? GOD'S FOCUS IS JESUS!

Vs 10 To the one who believes this witness - is internalized
The testimony is from God.
Man only has two options: BELIEVE IT/REJECT IT

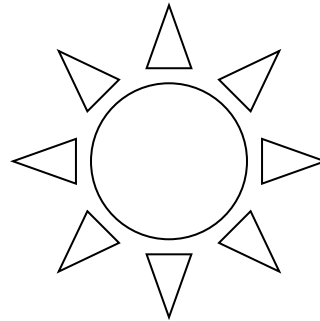
Vs 11-12 The witness of God (The Message - that which must be responded to) Believe it or Reject it.

1. God has given us eternal life

2. Life - in His Son

3. Have the Son - Have Life

No Son - No life (do not have the Son)



Vs 13 That which has been written - Holy Spirit Inspired,
Apostolic Witness
Shared by believers

BELIEVE - 1 Cor 15:1-8 - KNOW

John has written these things so that his believing readers
would know that they have Eternal Life.

NOTE: This is not the first time that John has interjected a
purpose behind what he is writing. 1Jn 2:1,26
In each case the immediate context is the focus.

Vs 14-15 CONTEXT - Loving the brethren - keeping His commandments
This may not be a "wide open" promise.

Vs 16 Any sin - if continued in long enough - is a threat to a Christian's

