

**Love Made New**  
**Overcoming the World**  
**1 John 5:1-5**  
**September 11**

**1**Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. **2**By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3**For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. **4**For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5**Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**We Must Be Born Again**

1. Discuss the exclusivity of Christ (Jesus is the only way to salvation) and why John keeps returning to it? Use 1 John 5:1 as a guide.
2. Discuss what it means to be “born again.” How is a person born again? Use 1 John 5:1, Acts 4:10-12, John 3:3, John 14:6, and Matthew 7:21-23 as guides.
3. Have you been born again? Briefly share your testimony.

**Obedience Brings Life and Peace**

4. Discuss what the commandments of God reveal about God Himself. Use 1 John 5:2-3 as a guide.
5. Discuss why the love of God and the love of neighbor cannot be separated.
6. Discuss what it means when John says “and his commandments are not burdensome.” Use Matthew 11:28-30 as a guide. What does it mean if our religious practice become burdensome?

**Live in Victory**

7. Discuss the victory that Christ won over the world. What did He overcome? Use John 16:33 as a guide.
8. Thinking of the victory Christ won, what does overcoming the world look like for a Christian? Use 1 John 4:4 and 5:4-5 as guides.