

1. THE BASIS FOR NEW _____ (v. 1-2a)

A. A _____ Faith

*“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
(John 3:3)*

PERSONAL FAITH LOVES GOD

“And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” (1 John 4:16)

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:18-19)

“That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.” (John 5:23)

*“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”
(Romans 8:32)*

PERSONAL FAITH LOVES THE BRETHREN

B. A _____ Faith (v. 1b-2a)

Quote: “If you do not believe in the unique deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, you are not a Christian, whatever else you may be. We are not looking at a good Man only, we are not interested merely in the greatest Teacher the world has ever seen; we are face to face with the fact that God, the Eternal Son, has been in this world, and that He took upon Him human nature and dwelt among us, a Man amongst men – God-Man. We are face to face with the mystery and the marvel of the Incarnation and of the Virgin Birth. It is all here, and it shines out in all the fullness of its amazing glory. “What manner of Man is this?” He is more than Man. That is the answer – He is also God.”

—**Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

*“If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 10 Believeest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.”
(John 14:7-10)*

2. THE BASIS FOR TRUE _____ (v. 2-3)

A. When We Love God's _____ (v. 2)

“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:12-13)

Quote: “As a born-again child of God I am a brother in the Lord of every other born-again child of God. It doesn’t matter what their particular church may be. If they are born of the Father and I am born of the Father, they are my brother or sister in Jesus, and I love them.”—**Jerry Vines**

“And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.” (1 Corinthians 12:26)

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.” (1 John 4:7-8)

B. When We Keep God's _____ (v. 2c-3)

FAITHFULLY

“As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love.” (John 15:9-10)

Quote: “In the Old Testament the commandments of God were imposed on the children of Israel as a matter of strict duty. They were required to obey...the Pharisees went to great extremes to keep the outward letter of the law. Religion to them was largely a matter of external duty or responsibility. When love comes into the picture, however, one’s duty to obey the law is transformed into a desire to obey the law.”—**Jerry Vines**

“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” (Galatians 5:13-14)

FERVENTLY

3. THE BASIS FOR TRUE _____ (v. 4-5)

A. We Overcome _____ (v. 4)

WE OVERCOME THIS WORLD

Quote: “The unsaved person feels at home in the world. Unbelievers were born into it, and it’s all that they know. It appeals to their fallen natures, offering then the kinds of thing they like.... Those ‘born of God’ belong to another world, for their citizenship is in heaven. They are children of God, in this world but not of this world, here as ambassadors for Christ. This world is not their home.” — **John Phillips**

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

WE OVERCOME DEATH

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:35-39)

“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:” (John 11:25)

B. We Overcome through _____ (v. 5)

“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:57-58)

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)



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