

Birthmarks of a Believer

Series – A Study of I John

– I John 5:1-5 –

1. The Big Picture

* A quick review — looking at the portrait. . .

2. The Fine Details

A. A Statement of **FAITH**

B. A Statement of **ASSURANCE**

C. A Statement of **FACT**

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. “The victorious Christian life...” Is that just an overused cliché, or is it possible to actually live that way? What does it look like to live that kind of life?
3. How can the story of our struggles, also be the story of God’s grace?
4. Why do you think we can listen to sermons and participate in worship but not experience change in our lives?
5. According to verse 3, God’s commands are not burdensome. Sometimes they feel that way so what does this really mean? What can we learn from Jesus in Matthew 11:28-30?
6. Over and over again John has stressed that *love* and *obedience* go hand-in-hand. Obedience without love is legalism. Love without obedience is a lie. How do we keep a healthy balance between the two?
7. Of all you see in this passage, what one truth are you the most *thankful* for?

