

“The Life: That You May Know”
1 John 5:1-21

All Spiritual “Knowing” Starts with Faith – Jo 6:69

We Can Come to Know That We Are Born of God – 1 Jo 5:1-2; Ro 8:14-17

- Through faith in Christ, we receive a new birth – Jo 3:3-6, 14-17; 1 Pet 1:3; 1 Jo 3:9; 4:7
...We become “new creations” – 11 Cor 5:17; Ro 6:4
- The Character of God is “imported” into our spirits – 1 Cor 6:17; Ga 2:20
...through our obedience of faith and love of God’s family our new birth is solidified – 1 Jo 5:1-2

We Can Come to Know That His Commands Are Not Burdensome – 1 Jo 5:3; Matt 11:28-30

- What seems burdensome to me is no burden to Christ in me – Col 1:27
...He never asks out of us what He has not already put inside of us – Ga 5:22-25
- Through our faithful practice of “not I, but Christ”, we rely upon His ability – Ga 2:20

We Can Come to Know That We Are Overcomers – 1 Jo 5:4-5; Jo 16:33

- Evil is neither irresistible nor unconquerable for the child of God – Ro 8:37
...we are sharers in Christ’s victory – 1 Jo 4:17
- We overcome by faithfully abiding in the reality of His overcoming Life – 1 Jo 4:4

We Can Come to Know That We Possess God’s Life – 1 Jo 5:6-13; 1 Pet 1:3,4

- God has given us Himself – 1 Jo 5:10-11; Jo 10:10
...God is no longer external or “future” to us – we “have” His Life now – 1 Jo 5:11-12
- His indwelling Spirit testifies to the reality of His with-in-ness – 1 Jo 5:6,10

We Can Come to Know How to Pray Confidently – 1 Jo 5:14-17; Jo 15:7

- We have unhindered access to communion with God – 1 Jo 5:14
...we live constantly “before Him” = face to face with nothing in between us – Jo 14:3
- By faith, we trust Him with our requests/desires – Phil 4:6-7
...with a willingness for Him to be The “Willer” – 1 Jo 5:14; Matt 7:7; Jo 14:13

We Can Come to Know That We Are Kept/Protected in Christ – 1 Jo 5:18-19; Jo 10:27-28

- The “Begotten One” – Jesus Christ – keeps the “born again ones” – us! – 1 Jo 5:18
...our “born-againness” is off limits to the devil
- We trust Him to empower us to overcome whatever the devil is permitted to do – Lk 22:31-32

We Can Come to Know How to Live in Ultimate Reality – 1 Jo 5:20-21; Jo 8:31-36

- The truth is what God says... reality is what God sees – 1 Jo 5:20
...this is the “solid rock” to build our house of life upon – Matt 7:24-29; 1 Jo 2:8; 4:17
- We come to know this by trusting what God says – Jo 8:32,36
...and by staying away from idols – unreal, empty objects of faith – 1 Jo 5:21; 1 Thess 1:9; Ps 115:8

→ Abide in Jesus Christ for all you need in life!

→ Abandon to Him and come to know THAT HE IS ENOUGH!