Life Together: That You May Know I John 5:1-21

1) We Can Believe and Come to Know That We Are "Born of God" - I Jo 5:1-2

- When we trust in Christ we receive the miraculous gift of our new birth Jo 3:3; I Pet 1:3; I Jo 4:4,6 ...as newly created ones, we may live out of a new "want to" and out of a full supply II Cor 5:17; II Pet 1:3,4; I Jo 4:7
- 2) We Can Believe and Come to Know That "His Commands Are Not Burdensome" I Jo 5:3
 - What is a burden to "just me" is no burden to "Christ in me" Phil 4:13; Col 1:27 ...we may freely step into the faithful practice of "not I, but Christ" Ga 2:20
- 3) We Can Believe and Come to Know That We Are "Overcomers" I Jo 5:4-5
 - The world, sin, the devil are neither irresistible nor unconquerable Jo 16:33; I Jo 3:5-10; 5:18 ...as we trust who He is and where He is we may live in "the power of His indestructible life" Heb 4:15; 7:16; I Jo 4:4
- 4) We Can Believe and Come to Know That We Possess God's Life I Jo 5:6-13
 - God is no longer "external" to us once He gives us His Life Jo 1:12; 10:10; II Cor 13:5; II Pet 1:3-4 ...we have the witness of God "with" us, "for" us, "in" us I Jo 5:8
- 5) We Can Believe and Come to Know That We May Confidently Commune with God I Jo 5:14-17
 - We have unhindered access "before Him" in all of our living Heb 4:16; Jo 14:3; Phil 4:6; I Pet 5:6,7 ...we may pray any prayer Jesus would pray Jo 5:30; 14:13; Matt 26:39
- 6) We Can Believe and Come to Know That We Are "Kept/Protected" by God in Christ I Jo 5:18-19
 - If Jesus Christ holds us, the devil cannot lay hold of us I Jo 3:8; 4:4; Jo 10:27-28
 ...our new creation "born-againness" is off limits to the devil I Jo 5:18
 ...Jesus Christ empowers us to overcome whatever He permits the devil to do Lk 22:31-32
- 7) We Can Believe and Come to Know That We Are Able to Live in God's Reality I Jo 5:20-21
 - In fellowship with Christ we are co-sharers in God's Truth and in God's Reality I Jo 2:8; 4:17 (Truth: What God says... Reality: What God sees)
 - ...we may trade in what others say is going on in the world for what God says is going on in the world Eph 1:9-11; 3:11; Ro 8:28-29
 - ...enthrone and embrace Jesus Christ as King of Kings, Lord of Lords and the un-real, the un-true ("idols") will become de-throned! II Cor 6:16; Is 26:13; 44:6-8