

1st, 2nd & 3rd John

#7, born of God, I Jn 5:1-12

“Born of God” is a truth that a lot of born again believers have a difficulty grasping. We naturally consider our ideas of birth and life to the father we were all given in Adam. However, the idea of being born of God is a spiritual birth. Not like the temporary existence we have in Adam, being born of God is a guarantee of an eternal existence with God.

1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.

5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

[1.] v:1, loves the Father loves, **What does this verse say about those who don't love Christ?**

[2.] v:2, children of God, **Who are these folks?**

[3.] v:3-5, overcomes the world, **What does it mean and why is it important for believers to overcome the world?**

[4.] v:3-5 again, overcomes the world, **Give some examples of over-coming the world.**

[5.] v:6-8, the One who came, **Here are three elements of Christ's birth. The first element is that Christ came by water. Write down the other two elements.**

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In our discussion of I Jn 5:6-8, we are going to cross reference John's earlier gospel and the gospel according to Luke.

John 1:14, And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 3:4-6, Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 " That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

[6.] Jn 1:14, the Word became flesh, **In your own words, write the meaning of this verse.**

[7.] Jn 3:4-6, unless one is born of water, **What does being born of water have to do with being born again?**

Now going back to the text from I Jn 5:6

John 1:11, He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

[8.] I Jn 5:6, This is the One who came by water, **What then is the meaning of this phrase?**

[9.] Jn 1:11, He came to His own, **In this verse define who it was that was "his own".**

[10.] question [9.], **What is the meaning of, Rom 1:16?**

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blood element

blood, NT:129 (*hah'-ee-mah*); of uncertain derivation; blood, literally (of men or animals), figuratively (the juice of grapes) or specially (the atoning blood of Christ); by implication bloodshed, also kindred:
KJV - blood.

Strong's Numbers and Concordance

examples of humans identified by blood

Matt 23:30, in shedding the blood of the prophets.

Luke 11:51, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah.

[11.], What was Mary's nationality?

[12.] question [9.], Christ was identified by the blood of which of the following.

- a.) Mary
- b.) God
- c.) Joseph
- d.) the Jews

[13.] Now going back again to I Jn 5:6, discuss the meaning of the phrase, This is the One who came by . . . blood, ?

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Before we leave the blood element let's look at one more thing. This will be a bit of information from Jn 1:13.

John 1:12-13, But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood (**or bloods**) nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

[14.] We are comparing Christ's birth with those that have been born again, e.g. who were born, not of blood (or bloods). From the following, choose the best reason that will resolve the difference between not of blood and the One who came by . . . blood.

a.) It has to be a misprint from the different translations.

b.) Christ's birth was from a human mother and being born again is from our heavenly Father.

c.) Christ has not yet come.

Finally we will look at the last element mentioned in I Jn 5:6-8. For this we will reference Lk 1:34-35.

Luke 1:34-35, Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son.

[15.] I Jn 5:6-8, the Spirit who testifies, Looking at the reference from Luke, if the Spirit should speak about its part in Christ's birth, what would it say?

[16.] v:9, the testimony of men, Where does one hear the testimony of men?

[17.] v:9 again, the testimony of God, Which person of the Godhead did the Lord choose to speak the truth of Christ's birth?

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10 The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son.

11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

[18.] v:10, has the testimony in himself, **What do believers have with in them that makes them believe what God said concerning His Son?**

[19.] v:11-12, the testimony is this, **In your own words, write down what v:12 states.**

[20.] v:11-12 again, **What would you conclude about the masses who desire all the trappings of religion but are not interested in Christ and do not want to hear about sin?**

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