

I. Children of God believe in Jesus (v. 1-5)

A. We are born spiritually by faith in Jesus as the Christ

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)

B. We love God by obeying his commands

“If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching.” (John 14:23-24)

C. We find obeying God to be a joy instead of a burden

“I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.” (Psalm 119:14)

“Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.” (Psalm 119:24)

D. We love the other children of God

E. We can enjoy victory over the world

F. We can overcome through faith in Jesus as the Son of God

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

“He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.” (Revelation 21:7)

II. Children of God believe the testimony of God (v. 6-10)

A. We believe the witness of the water – Christ’s baptism

“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’” (Matthew 3:17)

B. We believe the witness of the blood – Christ’s death

“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matthew 26:28)

C. We believe the witness of the Spirit – The Spirit of Truth

“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.” (John 15:26)

D. We believe in the united & reliable witness of God

III. Children of God experience eternal life (v. 11-12)

A. Eternal life is a gift from God

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

B. Eternal life is found only in Jesus Christ

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

C. Eternal life is experienced through faith in Jesus

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.” (John 11:25)