

What's Love Got To Do With It? - pt. 5



Overcoming

1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep 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 he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:1-5 (NKJV)

I. The beginning and the end: FAITH / BELIEVING

"I believe, help my unbelief!" Mark 9:24 (ESV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8 (ESV)

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. 1 John 5:1 (NKJV)

II. The Connection between THE ONE WHO BEGOT and THE ONE WHO IS BEGOTTEN

III. What is this Connection? AGAPE LOVE

Everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 1 John 1:2 NKJV

IV. The Heart Check of Love:

KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.. 1 John 3:1a (NKJV)

"And His commandments are not burdensome." 1 John 5:3b (NKJV, NIV, ESV)

"His commandments do not weigh us down." 1 John 5:3b (NET)

V. The God begotten OVERCOME THE WORLD

"as foreigners and strangers in this world." 1 Peter 2:11 (NCV)

"but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household." Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)

"Not conformed to this present world, but transformed." Romans 12:2 (NET)

TODAY'S BIG THOUGHT:

GOD TRANSFORMS WHO I AM FIRST,
THEN WHAT I DO FOLLOWS.

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νίκη, ης, ή *nikē* noun means