

BEING BORN OF GOD

I John 5:1-5

Introduction:

- A. Heaven will have only one kind of people.
 - 1. Those who believe God.
 - 2. Those who are born again.

- B. Born again people are changed people.
 - 1. It is possible to stay in spiritual infancy.
 - 2. It is possible to grow and mature.

I . HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN. VS. 1

- A. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.."
 - 1. "believe."
 - 2. Jesus is the Christ.

- B. Acts 2:30,31
 - 1. "believe.."
 - 2. "on the Lord Jesus Christ."

II . BORN AGAIN PEOPLE SHOULD LOVE. VS. 1

- A. We should love the begetter and the begotten.
 - 1. "begat."
 - 2. "begotten."

- B. Love is of God.
 - 1. 4:16
 - 2. 4:11

III . THE PROOF THAT MEN ARE BORN AGAIN. VS. 2,3

- A. When we love the brethren.

1. 3:14
 2. We can know by checking I Cor. 13
- B. How do we know we love the brethren?
1. "When we love God." vs. 2
 2. "and keep His commandments."
- C. When God's work is not a burden. vs. 3
1. "We keep his commandments"
 - a. commandment = that which has been enjoined, a charge, precept, moral injunctions, prohibitions
 2. "are not grievous" = heavy, oppressive, hard to be born, afflictive, severe.

IV. THE BORN AGAIN ARE OVERCOMERS. VS. 4, 5

- A. "Whosoever is born of God overcometh the world."
1. overcometh = to be victorious.
 2. world = that which is alienated from God by the fall
- B. "this is the victory"
1. victory = victory in battle.
 2. "our faith."
- C. "Who is he that overcometh?" vs. 5
1. "he that believeth."
 2. "Jesus is the Son of God."

V. ARE YOU BORN OF GOD?