

“THE APGAR TEST (VITAL SIGNS) OF NEW BIRTH”

1 John 5:1-5

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1. John repeated his emphasis on believing in Jesus as the Messiah (see 1 John 4:2, 14-15) by stating that all who acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah are born of God. 5:1a
2. John stressed the importance of being transformed by God’s love and demonstrating His love to fellow believers. 5:1b-2
3. John stressed that God’s commands are not a burden, nor are they a restrictive weight that people cannot bear. 5:3
4. John directly stated that anyone born of God conquers the world. 5:4
5. John asked a rhetorical question about the identity of the one who overcomes the world and the means by which this victory is possible. 5:5

True Christians will display evidence of being God’s children, including right beliefs about Jesus Christ, loving God and His family, and holy living before God.

I. Doctrinal Test - Faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. 1 John 5:1, 4, 5

- A. Faith has a clearly defined object. 1, 5
- B. Faith has a clearly observable result. 4, 5

II. Social Test - Love for God and His family.

1 John 5:1, 2, 3

III. Moral Test - Obedience to God’s commandments.

1 John 5:2, 3

Questions to Consider

1. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah? 1
2. Have you been born of God? 1, 4
3. Do you love the Father and His family? 1-2
4. Do you obey God’s commands? 2-3
5. Are you overcoming the world? 4
6. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? 5