

When Christ Enters In What Christians Know 1 John 5.18-21

[So far in 1 John we have discovered that there is:]

- [A Conversion To Choose – One Must be Born Again.]
- [A Consecration To Develop – Be conformed to the image of Christ]
- [A Cleansing To Receive – The forgiveness of sins]
- [A Commandment To Keep – Obey God's Word and will]
- [A Compassion To Show – Love not the world and its things]
- [A Character To Develop – Be conformed to His image]
- [A Confidence To Hold – Defeating Doubt]
- [A Confusion To Understand – Spiritual Warfare]
- [A Champion To Trust – **Greater is He that is in us**]
- [A Confirmation That Overcomes – You can know that you are saved]
- [A Commanding Confidence – We must have a know so salvation]
- [A Calling Christian – Praying and Asking]

[Today we come to the close of our Study in First John. What an incredibly through study we have found in this book of the Bible. Our Heavenly Father, through inspiration, has given us a book of the Bible designed to help you answer the question, "Am I truly born again."]

[A Born Again Christian will know the Indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus Christ within Him. **The presence of our Lord within a child of God will,**

- [Give you Sweet Fellowship with our Lord.]
- [Cause you to hate sin and strive against sin. Sin will separate you from your sweet fellowship with our Lord.]
- [Give you a deep desire to please our Lord which will result in obedience to our Lord and His Word, the Bible. The Bible reveals the will and heart of God to us.]
- [Cause you to place the things of this world in their proper place, they are temporal and only that which is eternal in nature truly matters.]
- [Cause you to strive to Master this Christian Journey, seeking to be like our Lord Jesus Christ.]

- [Drive you to love your fellow man with a deep, divine love; because those who have our Lord Jesus Christ in them will love what Jesus loves and Jesus loves all people.]

[These and more evidences of the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in every born again Christian will give you a certainty about your salvation. You will know that you know that you are truly born again because the evidences of the fact that Christ is in you have worked themselves into you and out of you.]

[If your only confidence that you are born again is a simple prayer you prayed when you were a child or young adult and all of the evidences of the indwelling presence of our Lord are lacking in your life, then you will have no real confidence that you are truly born again. **The book of First John reveals to us that there are tangible, measurable evidences of the fact that Christ is within you.** Do you know those evidences?]

[Look in our text today,]

*[1 John 5:18 ¹⁸ **We know** . . .]*

*[1 John 5:19 **And we know** . . .]*

*[1 John 5:20 **And we know** that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, **that we may know him** that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.]*

[Folks, let's get the emphasis of the book of First John right. There are many life truths revealed in this book of the Bible. God, in the book of First John is striving to cause you to know, through tangible evidences, that you are a born again Christian with the Lord Jesus Christ alive in you and manifest through you.]

[The Greatest evidence that any person is truly born again, saved, safe, and secure in Christ for all eternity to come is the actual presence of the Lord Jesus Christ within you.]

- [Your sinners prayer cannot save you if it was prayed for the wrong reasons.]
- [Your Baptism cannot save you if you were not truly born again before you were baptized. So called, Infant Baptism is no baptism at all, it cannot save anyone.]

- [Partaking of the Eucharist, Communion, or the Lord's Table cannot save you.]
- [Your Priest's declaration cannot save or absolve you from your sins.]
- [Your name on some Church roll call cannot save you. Church membership does not save anyone.]
- [Your many good deeds cannot save you.]

[Only placing your trust in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross and the **FACT** of His physical resurrection from the grave can bring the New Birth into your life and at the same time bring the Lord Jesus Christ into your life can save you and bring you to an absolute assurance of your Salvation and Adoption into the family of God (Rom 10.9-10).]

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[Now, having studied First John all the way through let me share with you some things every born again child of God can and should know.]

1 John 2.3

1. **We Know Him Personally (1 John 2.3)** [– Mastering this Christian Journey is undeniable evidence that you know the Lord Jesus Christ and are born of Him (Born-Again).]

*[1 John 2:3 And hereby **we do know that we know him**, if we keep his commandments.]*

[Our desire to obey our Lord Jesus Christ is evidence of our personal relationship with Him.]

[Jesus said,]

*[John 14:15 If ye love me, **keep my commandments**.]*

*[John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, **he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**]*

[My emphasis here is the personal aspect of our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. He is in us and we KNOW Him. He is close and dear to us. He has a sweet relationship with us.]

1 John 3.14

2. We Know Him Profoundly (1 John 3.14) [- What could be more profound in mortal life than this verse?]

*[1 John 3:14 **We know** that **we have passed from death unto life**, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.]*

[To know that you know that you have already passed from death unto life is absolutely profound! It changes everything in one's life!]

[The knowledge that one has passed from **death unto life** takes on two different ideas for a Born-Again Christian.]

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2. We Know Him Profoundly

- **[The Obvious Transformation** – The Promise of Eternal Life, our eternal home, Heaven to Come. We know that because we are born again **we cannot go to the Lake of Fire and Brimstone**, we are promised an eternal home in heaven to come. Many children when asked, “Why do you want to get saved?” Will say, “Because I don’t want to go to hell.” Which is a valid reason to get saved but it lacks many deep spiritual realities that accompany our salvation.]
- **[The Deeply Spiritual Transformation** – That a Child of God is already, even in this mortal life, living in eternal life. We have passed from death (hell, condemnation) into life.]

1 John 5.12

*[1 John 5:12 **He that hath the Son hath life;** and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.]*

1 John 5.24

*[John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, **hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation;** **but is passed from death unto life.**]*

[The eternal life promised the child of God is already in him and is seeking to live itself out of him on a daily basis.]

1 John 4.13

[You are already eternally alive.]

3. We Know Him Passionately (1 John 4.13, 3.24) [– The knowledge of the presence of the Holy Spirit within the heart and life of the child of God brings a level of intimacy into the Christian that can only be described as passionate.]

*[1 John 4:13 Hereby **know we** that we **dwell in him**, and he in us, because he hath **given us of his Spirit.**]*

[The Holy Spirit of God within a Christian can only be described as overwhelming and incredible. The Holy Spirit within a born Again child of God goes beyond human expression. We just cannot put this reality into words. While we cannot explain nor express the reality of the presence of God within us, this same presence gives us a certainty that cannot be denied.]

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[A Christian's desire and resolve to please God and glorify our risen Savior is a reflection of this unseen reality within us. We seek and strive with unfettered surrender to please our Heavenly Father by obeying Him and His living and indwelling will within us.]

[Listen to,]

1 John 3.24

*[1 John 3:24 And he that **keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him**, and he in him. **And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.**]*

[Folks, a Child of God's resolve to please and obey God goes far beyond religious practice or theological dogma. It is instead the very heart and soul of the born again Christian. It is the result of this living reality within the heart and life of every born-again Christian.]

[Our obedience is our PASSION and our PASSION is born of His PRESENCE]

[A Born-Again Christian will not be able to help but obey the Lord Jesus Christ. His surrender is the result of who he now is, which is the reality of who is now in him.]

1 John 5.15

4. We Know Him **Prayerfully** (1 John 5.15; Luke 18.1; 1 Thess 5.17-18; Eph 6.18; Col 4.2; 1 Pet 4.7)

*[1 John 5:15 And if **we know** that **he hear us**, whatsoever we ask, **we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.**]*

[Our Heavenly Father hears and responds to His Children. Our Heavenly Father loves to hear from His Children. He longs to hear from His Children.]

[Child of God are you praying?]

[Are you Praising God in prayer?]

[Are you Thanking God in prayer?]

[Are you Petitioning God in Prayer?]

[Are you Interceding with God in Prayer?]

[A born again Christian ought to pray always and not to faint (Luke 18.1)]

[I think of the Muslims who devote themselves to prayer five times a day. Yet they pray to a false God called “Allah” who can be none other than the devil himself as the devil is the potentate of all false religious systems. Then there are the professing born again Christians who ought to be giving themselves to fervent and effectual prayer, and I wonder why are we not praying and praying as the Word of God asks us to pray.]

[1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.]

[Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;]

[Colossians 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;]

[1 Peter 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.]

[Christians, if there is anything we MUST be diligent and persistent in doing it is in praying.]

1 John 5.19

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5. We Know Him Providentially (1 John 5.19; John 1.12-13) [- Christian whose are you? Whom are you of? To whom do you belong?]

*[1 John 5:19 **And we know that we are of God**, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.]*

[As born-again Christians we are absolutely unique in this world. We are few, we are a remnant, and there are none like us in all the world.]

[There are over seven (7) billion people in our world today but only a remnant are like us.]

[WE ARE OF GOD!]

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[The rest of the world are lost and undone in wickedness, iniquity, sin, and wretchedness.]

[Now, without a doubt, someone will say, “There it is, you Christians think you are better than everyone else.” In the sense that we are all sinners, we Christians were and are sinners too. But in the sense that we are providentially saved by the SUPERNATURAL POWER of GOD, we are different from the world. We are Born Again Christians and that is an undeniable, providential difference.]

[Now this transformation and metamorphosis is not of our own doing or ability, it is the work of God within us and upon us. The Word of God reveals,]

*[John 1:12-13 ¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God.**]*

[At the very moment that we acknowledged the work of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross and sought the salvation and redemption that ONLY He could give, we were providentially transformed and that, my friends, is a significant change in our life.]

[Born again Christians are **of God** and are different from the World.]

[So, if our Heavenly Father, by His divine power, has changed every born again Christian, then why do so many of God's people work so hard at being just like this wicked world?]

[Christian you are Providentially transformed by God, don't be ashamed of our Lord Jesus Christ, don't be ashamed to be different from the world.]

1 John 5.20

6. **We Know Him Positively (1 John 5.20; John 17.17) [- What a blessing it is to know absolute truth. The Lord Jesus Christ in us is truth and the Word of God is truth.]**

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[In John 17 our Lord prayed,]

[John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.]**

[Don't ever be ashamed of our Lord Jesus Christ or of the Word of God your King James 1611 Bible they are truth.]

[There will never be a contradiction between the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit of God, and the unchanging Word of God. They will always agree about absolute truth.]

[Our world today is undeniably confused about what is truth and what is true. They call many things right that God clearly calls wickedness and wrong. Don't ever doubt the truth of the Word of God.]

[The Christ in you will confirm the Word of God that you hold in your hand. So long as you do not switch to one of the Devil's many translations of the Bible you will have a firm foundation for your heart and home. The Devil and this corrupt world are working overtime to confuse and seize the hearts and minds of our Children. Parents and Grandparents it is your place and purpose to bring them back to the Word of God and its undeniable truths.]

[A born again child of God should have no problem knowing and heeding the truth of the Word of God and the truth of the presence of God within them.]

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