

BEING A VICTORIOUS BELIEVER

1 John 5:1-5

An additional thread: “burdensome” *(1 Jn. 5:3)*

Obedience isn’t burdensome because of rebirth

Christians are people who are reborn of God *(1 Jn. 5:1, 4; Jn. 3:3-6)*

Rebirth comes as we believe in Christ

- Rebirth was an act of God, not you *(1 Jn. 5:1; Titus 3:5; 1 Pt. 1:3)*
- Believing in Christ’s humanity and ministry *(1 Jn. 5:1)*
- Believing in Christ’s divinity *(1 Jn. 5:5)*

Rebirth brings to death our old disobedient nature
(Rom. 6:3-12)

Obedience isn’t burdensome because it flows from love

Love is tied to obedience *(1 Jn. 5:2-3)*

Love enables active obedience *(Jn. 14:15)*

God enables love in believers *(Rom. 5:5; Gal. 5:22)*

Obedience isn’t burdensome because of our victory in Christ

Believers are victorious *(1 Jn. 5:3-5)*

- “overcome / victory” =
- We have victory as we have faith / belief in Christ *(1 Jn. 5:4-5; 1 Cor. 15:57)*

Believers have victory over “the world” *(1 Jn. 2:15-15, 5:5; Rom. 8:37)*

Christ gained victory over the world *(1 Jn. 3:8; Jn. 16:33; Rev. 12:11)*