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1 John 5

If we really love God, we will love one another (4:7, 11, 12)

- God is the _____ (4:19)

If we really love God, we will obey His commandments (5:2)

- His commands are not _____ (5:3)
- Walking in obedience to God is burdensome when you are doing it in your own _____ and _____

Your Christian walk does not mean you must try harder (5:4-5)

- It is about _____ (Romans 1:5, 16:25-26)
- _____ comes from faith (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Prayer (5:14-15)

- Do not _____ God or make Him _____ (James 4:2b)
- Do not be _____ (Philippians 5b-6)
- Do not pray with the wrong _____ (James 4:3)

Keep from habitual sin (5:18)

- Satan is _____ in his abilities (Job 1,2, Luke 22:31)
- You are an _____ (4:4)

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Outside of God showing you His great love through His Son, Jesus, think of a time when you were shown love in an amazing way. What happened?
3. How should the fact that God first loved us (He is the initiator) affect our ability to love others?
4. Why does John equate love with obedience? What is the relationship between these two principles? How would you rate yourself if you were to do a self-exam?
5. Do you feel God's commands are a burden? Why or why not? Why would someone feel that they are a burden?
6. Have you ever fallen into the temptation that to grow in your Christian walk you must try harder? If so, how does that affect your faith in God?
7. If someone asked you to explain eternal life, what would you say?
8. What does it mean to have assurance (5:13), and why is this important?
9. How is John challenging us about prayer in verses 14 and 15? Do you find yourself struggling in any of the three areas that were discussed in today's message?
10. John commands us to keep from habitual sin. Does the fact that Satan is limited in his abilities help with that? If so, how?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (1 John 5) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?