Those Born of God (5:1-5)	Testimony of Jesus (5:6-13)
<ul> <li>believes that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) (1)</li> <li>Whoever loves the Father loves His children (1)</li> <li>Know we love the children of God when we love God and keep His commandments (2)</li> <li>To love God is to keep His commandments - they aren't burdensome (3)</li> <li>Our faith helps us to overcome the world - overcome = nikao = subdue, conquer, prevail, victory (4-5)</li> <li>The overcomer believes that Jesus is the Son of God (5)</li> </ul>	Remember what he is fighting against - gnosticism  3 that testify - water, the blood, and the Spirit (8)  God's testimony = God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son (11)  - Jn 5:31-47 - witness = Jesus, John, Moses, works, Father, Scripture  - Jn 8:13-18 - witness = Jesus, Father
Overcomers  - I Jn 2:13-14 - overcome the evil one because we know Him and His Word abides in us  - I Jn 4:4 - overcome the evil spirits (false teachers)  - Rev 2:7, 11 (Rev 20:14; 21:8), 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:6-8 - inherit springs of water of life without cost  We can overcome because Jesus has overcome  - Jn 16:33 - you can have peace in tribulation because He has overcome the world  - Ro 12:21 - don't be overcome by evil, overcome evil with good  - Il Peter 2:19 - by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved  - Rev 17:14 - the Lamb will overcome the beast because He is King of kings and Lord of Lords	Water and the blood Baptism = John's encounter with Jesus - dove = Spirit descend, the voice of God declared this is My son, John acknowledged Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world  Blood = death - paid sin's penalty and gave all who believe eternal life  Spirit = indwelling of the Spirit - through faith - our belief allows us to enter into eternal life (13)

Prayer (5:14-15)	Sin Leading to Death (5:16-17)	We Know (5:18-21)
Confidence  - if we ask, He will hear us  - We know if He hears us we will have the requests we make  - ACCORDING TO HIS WILL  - James 4:2-3 - WITH THE RIGHT MOTIVES  - John 14:14 - HIS NAME  - Jn 16:24 - WE NEED TO ASK  - Jn 15:7 - IF WE ABIDE IN HIM AND HE IN US  Sin and Prayer  - Jn 9:31 - God doesn't hear sinners - only those who are God-fearing and do His will  - Pr 28:9, 13 - if we don't listen to God's word, our prayers are an abomination  - Is 59:1-8 - sins have separated you from God (2)  - I Peter 3:7 - living wrongly hinders prayers  - I Pet 3:12 - His face is against evil  - Ps 66:18 - wickedness in heart - God won't hear prayers  Persistance in Prayer  Mt 7:7-11 - ask, seek, knock Lk 18:1-8 - woman pestered the judge  Effectual Prayer  - He 11:6 - need to ask in faith  - Mt 21:18-22 - faith and don't doubt	<ul> <li>a true Christian cannot live in a state of habitual sin</li> <li>A Christian can sin (17) - all unrighteousness is sin</li> <li>Brother = believer - confront the sin and win the brother</li> <li>as sin leading to death - don't pray for them</li> <li>Rejecting who Christ is</li> <li>Habitual lifestyle of sin - no one who sins is of God, not being in the light, God doesn't abide in him</li> <li>Jer 7:16</li> <li>Jer 14:10-12 - enough is enough</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>that no one born of God sins and he is protected by God from the evil one (touch = exert influence on) (18)</li> <li>We are of God and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one (19)</li> <li>That the Son of God has come and given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true and we are in Him who is true - in His Son Jesus Christ (20)</li> <li>Guard yourself from idols (21)</li> <li>we know the true God - why would you turn to idols (I Thes 1:9-10)</li> <li>There were those who were being drawn away by the false teaching (2:19)</li> <li>They held to the world's philosophies as superior to God's revelation of His Word - they perverted basic Christian doctrines of faith, love, obedience</li> <li>Adhere to the fundamentals of the faith</li> </ul>