1 John 5:1-5

Born of God

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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1. Proof that someone is spiritually reborn: they believe that Jesus is the Christ (v.1a)

- Believe that Jesus is God's chosen King, as taught in the gospels
- · Give our allegiance to Jesus

A description of spiritual rebirth: God has transformed a person so that they have His nature in them

• His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. (2 Peter 1:3–4)

2. The results of spiritual rebirth: love for God

3. The results of spiritual rebirth: love for other Christians

4. The results of spiritual rebirth: obedience to God doesn't feel burdensome

God's commandments don't feel burdensome because:

- · We recognize them as guidance from our loving Father
- · By faith we overcome the attraction of the world