



“Proof in the ‘Putting’”

“Loving God means keeping His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome.” 1 John 5:3

A. The first ingredients necessary are...

“And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face Him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.” 1 John 4:17

1. Everyone who believes becomes a child of God.

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God.” Vs 1a

2. Everyone who loves the Father loves the children of God.

“And everyone who loves the Father loves His children, too.” Vs 1a

3. Loving God means keeping His commands.

“Loving God means keeping His commandments...” Vs 3a

4. His commands are not burdensome.

“...His commandments are not burdensome.” Vs 3b

5. Victory comes by faith.

“For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.” Vs 4

6. And, who can win this battle? Believers!

“And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.” Vs 5

B. God confirms these ingredients by reviews ...

“Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about His Son.” Vs 9

1. The first witness is the water.

“And Jesus Christ was revealed as God’s Son by His baptism in water...” Vs 6a

2. The second witness was the blood.

“And Jesus Christ was revealed as God’s Son...by shedding His blood on the cross...” Vs 6b

3. The third witness was the Spirit.

“And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with His testimony.” Vs 6c

4. All three witnesses agree on the Son of God.

“So we have these three witnesses— the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree.” Vs 7-8

5. Throughout Scripture, two or three witnesses were always needed to confirm any statement.

“You must not convict anyone of a crime on the testimony of only one witness. The facts of the case must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.” Deuteronomy 19:15

“This is the third time I am coming to visit you (and as the Scriptures say, ‘The facts of every case must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’” 2 Corinthians 13:1

“For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.” Hebrews 10:28

6. If you believe the witnesses, you can believe He has given us eternal life.

“And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.” Vs 11-12

C. This recipe is not burdensome...

“For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” Matthew 11:30

1. God gives us understanding to all of His will.

“And we know that the Son of God has come, and He has given us understanding...” Vs 20a

2. God wants us to know Him.

“so that we can know the true God...”

3. When we obey His commands, we live in fellowship with Him. One command will never invalidate another command.

“And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ.” Vs 20b

4. When we obey His commands, we are confident in our prayers.

“And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him. And since we know He hears us when we make our requests, we also know that He will give us what we ask for.” Vs 14-15

5. God always empowers us to do His will.

“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.” Philippians 2:13

6. God will always be faithful!

“God will make this happen, for He who calls you is faithful.” 1 Thessalonians 5:24

D. The primary purpose of this letter...

“I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.” Vs 13

1. God inspired John to write this loving letter to address concerns in the church. Assurances will always affect behaviors. Assurances will always affect eternity!

“We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.” 1 John 1:4

2. Assurance comes with a right belief...we trust Jesus!
“We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.” Vs 19

3. Assurance comes with right living...transformed lives!
“Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts.” Vs 21

4. Assurance comes with fellowship...loving God and loving His children!

“And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ.” Vs 20b

5. Assurance comes with the Holy Spirit...God’s Spirit within us!

“And God has given us His Spirit as proof that we live in Him and He in us.” 1 John 4:13

6. If you believe it...then do it! The “proof is in the ‘putting.’”

“We know we love God’s children if we love God and obey His commandments.” Vs 2

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

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