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(5) 第五章

【約翰一書:住在基督裡】

本卷書是信徒住在基督裡的經歷。作者約翰在晚年時因爲異端(特別是諾斯底主義 Gnosticism—推崇知識和靈異,而反對基督道成內身及人可以和 神相交)盛行而寫了此書。此書的重點著重在 神的兒女因著住在耶穌基督裡而與 神相交,且活出那「起初原有」的生命之道。

第五章重点:

- 1. 愛 神的也必愛 神的兒女(4:19 5:2) (要從第四章末讀起)
- 2. 神的兒女能過得勝的生活,是因為我們的信(5: 3-12)
 - 再次重申遵守神的誡命就是愛神
 - 神的誡命不是難守的,因為
 - a) 凡從神生的,就勝過世界
 - b) 使我們勝了世界的,就是我們的信心 得勝是信心的果效
 - c) 這信心是在耶穌基督裡的 (約翰福音 16:33, 加拉太書 2:20)
 - 我們信的內容
 - 我們因信而有的見證(參考 NKJV 翻譯)
 - 叮嚀神的兒女對自己的身份要有把握,並且持續的相信神兒子的名
- 3. 最後的叮嚀
 - 神聽我們的禱告 (對照 3: 21-24)
 - 對罪的態度 (比照前幾章有關罪的經文) 及要如何為犯罪的信徒禱告
 - 要知道如何分辨真偽(神是真實的,而我們在祂和祂兒子耶穌基督的裡面),不要怕那惡 者,但要遠避偶像

查經問題 (請將第五章細讀之後,再把整卷書重讀一遍,才思索以下問題):

- 1. 老約翰在約翰一書中多次題到"永遠的生命",指的是什麼?這生命如何得著 (照著老約翰的原話)? 祂會帶來什麼不一樣 (照著老約翰的原話)? (提示:把本卷書中所有"從神生的···"也一併找出來。)
- 2. 爲什麼老約翰多次把遵守 神的誡命與「愛神」和「愛神的兒女」連在一起?你個人在遵守 神的誡命上有什麼體會?神的誡命對你個人來說,是難守的嗎?爲什麼?
- 3. 「信心」與我們勝過世界有什麼關係?在第二章及第五章中都講到"勝過" (overcome),你有這樣的經歷嗎?
- 4. 今天的世代,比起老約翰世代的邪惡,只有過之而無不及,你對真假的分辨有何把握?如何分辨?
- 5. 請分享你讀約翰一書,對於你"住在基督裡"(提示:與神「相交」)的操練有何幫助。

Small Group Bible Study – 1 John

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- 1. Everyone who loves the Father loves His child as well (4:19 5:2)
- 2. We can live a victorious life because of our faith (5:3-12)
 - John once again declares that to love God is to keep His commandments
 - God's commandments are not burdensome
 - What do we truly believe and know for sure
 - What is the testimony of those who believe in the Son of God (*compare NKJV and NIV*)
- 3. Last remarks (5:14-21)
 - God hears us if we ask anything according to His will (refer to 3:21-24)
 - Once again, the attitude toward sin and how we should pray if we see others sinning a sin
 - God is true and we are in Him, and in His Son Jesus Christ
 - Do not be afraid of the evil one, and keep ourselves away from idols

[Questions to reflect upon and discuss]

- 1. Apostle mentioned many times in this book about "the *eternal life*", what does that mean? How can a man get this "*eternal life*"? What difference can this life bring to us? (Please answer the questions by using the text. You may also put all verses that has "... born of God" together.)
- 2. Why is obedience to God's commandments not burdensome for Christians? (List the reasons according to the Word.) How then can we explain the struggle we sometimes have to obey?
- 3. Reflect for a moment on the two major characteristics of the world described earlier (see 1 John 2:15-17; 1 John 4:1-6). What then does it mean for us to "overcome the world" (1 John 5:4-5)?
- 4. Each verse in 1 John 5:18-20 begins with "we know". What does Apostle John expect us to know for sure? Does this true knowledge help our relationship with God? How so?
- 5. Share your gains through reading this book and how it help you abiding in Christ.