

Born of God

1 John 2:29-3:24
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Phrases for real Christians in 1 John

- Walk in light
- Know Father/Christ
- Indwelt/anointed by Spirit
- Children/born of God
- Have eternal life



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WHO'S YOUR DADDY?

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- Spiritual DNA tests
- Family privileges

Spiritual DNA tests

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Positive belief test

Jesus is the Christ (5:1), the Son of God (4:15). He is without sin (3:5) and came in the flesh (4:2) to suffer the penalty for our sins (2:2, 4:10), to take away our sins (3:5), and to destroy the devil's work (3:8). He is the true God and eternal life (5:20).

Negative belief test

Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son... he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (5:10-12)

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Positive attitude test

This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another... We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. (3:11-14) If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (4:12)



Negative attitude test

Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. (3:14-15)

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. (4:7-8)

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Positive action test

Everyone who does what is right has been born of him. (2:29) No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. (3:9) We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin. (5:18)

Negative action test

He who does what is sinful is of the devil.... This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother. (3:8-10)

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Positive victory test

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him... Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. (3:1, 13)

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (4:4)

Negative victory test

If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (2:15) They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. (4:5)

The whole world is under the control of the evil one. (5:19)

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Combined tests

This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives for
our brothers. ¹⁷ If anyone has material
possessions and sees his brother in
need but has no pity on him, how can
the love of God be in him? (3:16-17)

Combined tests

Anyone who does not **do what is right** is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not **love** his brother. (3:10)

Let us not **love** with words or tongue but with **actions** and in truth. (3:18)

Combined tests

And this is his **command**: to **believe** in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to **love** one another as he commanded us. Those who **obey his commands** live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. (3:23-24)

Combined tests

Everyone who **believes** that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who **loves** the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his **commands**. This is love for God: to **obey his commands**. (5:1-3)

Combined tests

And his **commands** are not burdensome, for everyone born of God **overcomes** the world. This is the victory that has **overcome** the world, even our **faith**. Who is it that **overcomes** the world? Only he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God. (1 John 5:1-5)

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- Life/DNA of God's seed
- Lavishly loved by Father
- See Jesus and be like him
- Reassurance in struggles
- Confidence in prayer
- Indwelling by the Spirit



children

1 JOHN

of God