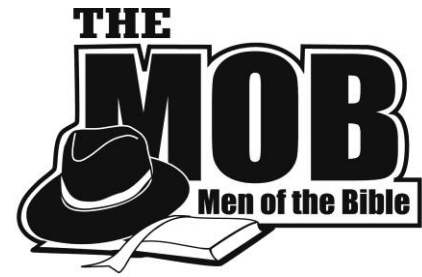




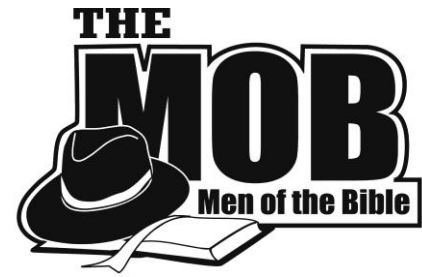
Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB!
- [IBC Season of Service, Nov 7](#)
- [WACMM Fall Men's Conference, Nov 7, 2015 at McLean Bible Church, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM](#)
- [IBC Thanksgiving Food Drive, NLT 22 Nov, 1200](#)
- Website: www.ibcmob.net



Memory Verse



1 John 5:4 (ESV)

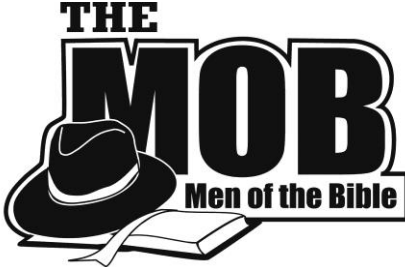
For everyone who has been born of God
overcomes the world.

And this is the victory that has overcome
the world - our faith.

1 John 5:4 (ESV)



1 John Outline

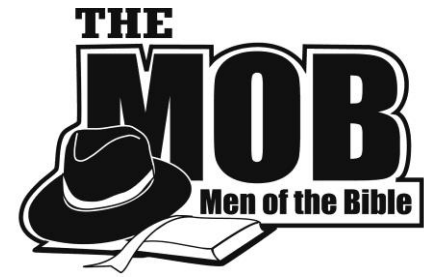


Focus	Basis of Fellowship		Behavior of Fellowship	
Reference	1:1 - 2:14	2:15 - 2:27	2:28 - 5:3	5:4 - 5:21
Division	Conditions for Fellowship	Cautions to Fellowship	Characteristics of Fellowship	Consequences of Fellowship
Topic	Meaning of Fellowship		Manifestations of Fellowship	
	Abiding in God's Light		Abiding in God's Love	
Time	Written in Ephesus around 90 AD			





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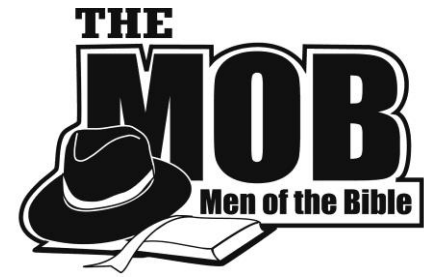


Love One Another

[1 John 3:11-24](#)



This Week



Test the Spirits

[1 John 4:1-6](#)

God is Love

[1 John 4:7-21](#)

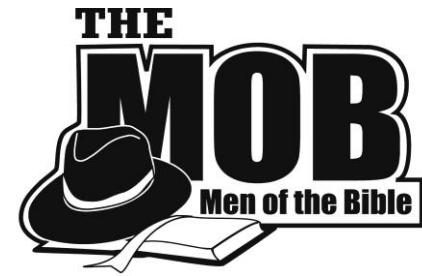
Overcoming the World

[1 John 5:1-5](#)



1 John 4:1-6 (ESV)

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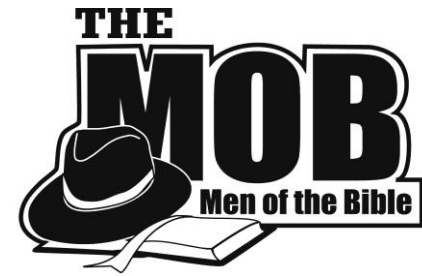


¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.



1 John 4:7-21 (ESV)

God is Love

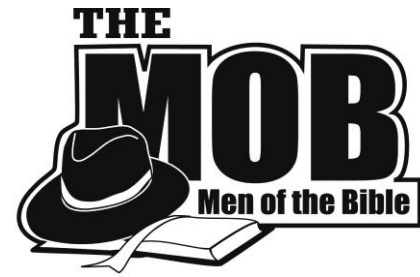


⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.



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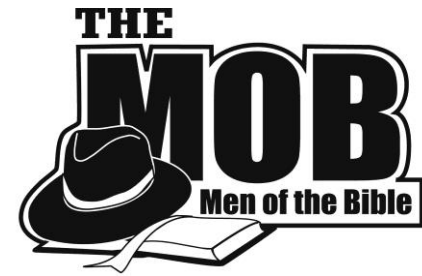
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¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.



1 John 5:1-5 (ESV) Overcoming the World



¹ 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. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?



1 John 4:1-5:5

Observation & Interpretation



- What may John mean by “spirit” in [1 John 4:1-6](#)?
- Do we see these type of “spirits” today?

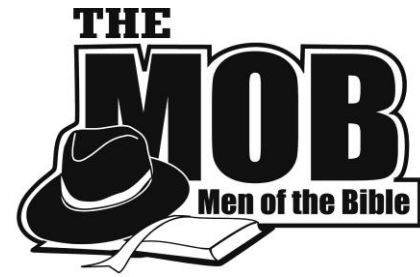
Any modern day examples?

- How to we deal with these “spirits” today?



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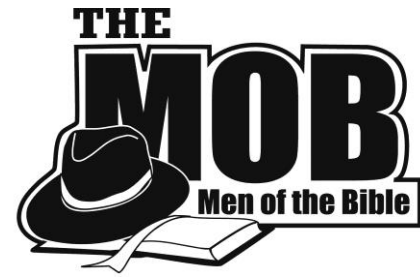


- Has John previously discussed Christian love? If so why is he addressing it here again in [1 John 4:7-21](#)?
- What type of “love” is John describing?
- What is the most important example of this type of love for Christians?
- What are examples of this type of love in the lives of Christians today?



1 John 4:1-5:5

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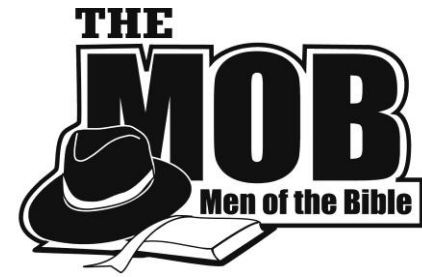


- What can we do to strive to achieve this love today? Does the phrase, “Christians are the new tabernacles and temples” give any guidance to this question?
- How has the love John discusses conquered fear? [1 John 4:17-18](#)
- Does love help us obey God’s commandments? [1 John 5:2-3](#)



1 John 4:1-5:5

Application / Discussion

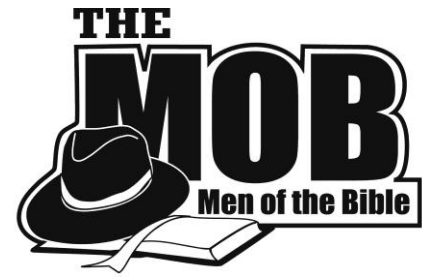


- 1) What can you do to continue to develop Christian love for others?
- 2) Is there any potential specific action you can take to demonstrate this love this week?
- 3) Identify any fears or concerns that may be bothering you recently.

How can you use 1 John 4 and 5 to work through those fears or concerns?



Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer