***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 21**

**So What Do You Know For Sure?**

Read I John 5

 Memory Work: I John 5:5

 1.a. If we, as Christians, are born again, what must follow?

 b. Proving that love and/or faith are a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_.

 c. Why are His commands not burdensome for those born of Him? I John 5:3.

 2.a. What does it mean to overcome the world? I John 5:4,5.

b. How would you tell someone to overcome the world? I John 2:14-17.

Evaluate c. Are you living an overcoming life? Why or why not?

 d. What are the keys to overcoming fear, lust, pride, hatred, depression, etc.?

e. Do you observe that most Christians live an overcoming life? Explain.

 3.a. According to verses 6-8, how sure is God’s witness?

Guessing is O.K. b. What is meant by “He came by water and blood?” (There are several possibilities.)

 c. From verses 6-8, what are the three witnesses that agree in heaven?

d. What are the three witnesses that agree on earth?

e. Both of these agree as \_ \_ \_.

 f. If people say to you that they don’t believe in the Trinity, what could you show them, using this

 passage? I John 5:7,8.. . Any other passages?

g. According to John, how serious is it if you don’t believe in the Trinity? Verses 10,12.

h. What is John’s argument? Verse 9.

 4.a. What is God’s testimony through the three witnesses? I John 5:11,12.

 b. Based on these two verses, can one straddle the fence with regard to eternal life. . .at what peril?

 c. What convinced you that Jesus is God’s Son and the only source of eternal life?

 5.a. From verse 13, how do you know that you have eternal life?

 b. Write down six things that John gives us as assurance of salvation from I John:5:12-15.

 1. 4.

 2. 5.

 3. 6.

 6.a. What kind of confidence in prayer do we find in verses 14-16?

b. How do you know if your request is according to His will?

 c. When does God not hear us? Psalm 66:18.

d. Why do Christians pray?

7.a. From I John 5:16, does John mean that we shouldn’t pray for those who commit sins leading to death or does he mean that we may pray but there is no guarantee. . .or?

 b. What is meant by “there is a sin leading to death?” Matthew 12:31; I Corinthians 5:4,5.

 8.a. What three things do we know?

 Verse 18

 Verse 19

 Verse 20

 b. Why would John have to warn us about idols? Verse 21. Make a list of today’s idols.

c. Can self be an idol. . .or a child. . .or. . .?