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Vs. 1-3...Birthmarks (Evidences of the New Birth)

1. Love to fellow-believers...vs. 1
2. Obedience to God's Word...vs. 2, 3

Vs. 4, 5...Overcoming the World

1. The child of God overcomes the world through *faith*...vs. 4
2. It is *faith in Jesus as the Son of God* that overcomes the world...vs. 5

Vs. 6-8...Three Witnesses

1. The *Spirit*, the *Water*, and the *Blood*...vs. 6, 8 (vs. 7 is an interpolation)

Vs. 9-12...God's Witness of Eternal Life through His Son

1. God's "witness" is certain, for **God CANNOT lie**...vs. 9, 10
2. God **HAS** given us eternal life in His Son...vs. 11, 12

Vs. 13...The Assurance of Eternal Life through the Word

1. Every believer should know, with absolute certainty, that he/she has eternal life

Vs. 14-17...Confidence in Prayer

1. God **WILL** answer all prayers that are according to His will...vs. 14, 15
2. There is one case where we shouldn't pray for a brother/sister...if they "sin unto death"...vs. 16
3. *Most* sin will not be "unto death," and therefore we can pray...vs. 17

Vs. 18-20...God Wants Us to *KNOW* Spiritual Realities

1. We *KNOW* the child of God does **NOT** practice sin...vs. 18
2. We *KNOW* the believer is "of God" and the world is "in the wicked one"...vs. 19
3. We *KNOW* the Son of God has come (the Incarnation of God the Son)...vs. 20

Vs. 21...The Closing Exhortation to "keep ourselves from idols"