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## **Anchored In 2021: The Divine Life**

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### **Becoming A Child Of God Involves More Than Just Loving**

**1 John 5:1-4** - *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. <sup>2</sup> We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. <sup>5</sup> And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.*

#### **1. Following Christ Will Always Generate Love For God And For The Body Of Christ.**

**Ephesians 1:15-16** - *Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly*

**Colossians 1:3-4** - *We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people.*

#### **2. True Love Always Produces Obedience.**

**John 13:34-35** - *So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup> Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*

### **We Should Find Happiness In Loving God In Our Obedience**

**Matthew 11:30** - *...my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.*

- 1) Because Of The Power Within.**
- 2) The Desire To Please Him.**

### **3. A Child Of God Is An Overcomer.**

#### **It's Our Faith That Provides The Power And Means To Victory**

**Ephesians 1:19-22** - *I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup> that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. <sup>21</sup> Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. <sup>22</sup> God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.*

#### **Victorious Faith Is The Result Of Maturing Love**

#### **Your Life Represents An Ongoing Activity Of Love, Obedience, And Overcoming**

**John 14:21** - *Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.*