

LIVING WITH CONFIDENCE.  
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I. God's children are confident they can overcome evil through love and faith.

**1Jn 5:1-Passion** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah is God's spiritual child and has been fathered by God himself. And everyone who loves Father God loves his children as well.

**1Jn 5:2** This is how we can be sure that we love the children of God: *by having a passionate love for God and by obedience to his commands.*

**1Jn 5:3** True love for God means obeying his commands, and his commands don't weigh us down as heavy burdens.

**1Jn 5:4** *You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world.*

**1Jn 5:5** So who are the world conquerors, *defeating its power?* Those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

**Romans 5:5-Passion**

And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy, *because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!*

Faith operates and is released when you're walking in Love.

**Galatians 5:6-Passion**

...All that matters now is living in the faith that is *activated and brought to perfection by love.*

**2Thessalonians 3:4— Passion**

We have complete confidence in the Lord concerning you and *we are sure that you are doing and will continue to do what we have told you.*

2. God's children are confident they can overcome evil because their love causes them to walk in obedience to the Lord.

One of the big motivations for love is obedience.

**John 14:15-KJV**

"If you love Me, keep My commandments.

**Passion** - "Loving me empowers you *to obey* my commands.

**1Jn 5:2** This is how we can be sure that we love the children of God: *by having a passionate love for God and by obedience to his commands.*

When we don't obey God and walk according to love and the scriptures, we lack confidence to trust God.

**1John 3:21-KJV**

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

**22** And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

**Passion** - *...when our hearts don't condemn us, we have a bold freedom to speak face-to-face with God. And whatever we ask of him we receive, because we keep his commands. And by our beautiful intentions we continue to do what brings pleasure to him.*