

GOSPEL GUT CHECK: WHY DOES OBEYING GOD FEEL HARD?

1 JOHN 5:1-5 (ESV)

- I. No one _____ the Gospel apart from the Holy Spirit's _____ work.
- A. Any _____ can _____ the brokenness and heartache of the world.
- B. Only the Holy Spirit can convince us of (1) our _____ and (2) the _____ of the Gospel, so that (3) we _____ our lives to Jesus.
- II. This Spirit-given faith helps us to view life differently.
- A. The Spirit shows us that the world's way of life is a _____ of...
1. Fixing what you can't fix...
 2. Through methods that don't work...
 3. To please masters who are never satisfied.
- B. Anyone can see that the world's ways are _____—but the Spirit shows a _____ way.

1. The Holy Spirit regenerates us for _____, not _____ -
_____.

a. His commands _____ what a life of _____
looks like.

b. The Holy Spirit _____ us inwardly, so that we begin
to love _____.

2. When we are operating out of love for God and neighbor, the net
result is (a) radical _____ that (b) _____
for others.

3. While that is a _____ way of life, it is also the most
_____ way of life:

a. Because we were _____ for this kind of life.

b. Because it is free of the _____ and _____
of the world's way of life.

C. The only way we will live this way _____ is by
believing the Gospel _____ the world's ways of thinking.