

The Testimony Concerning Jesus

Text: 1 John 5:6-13

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As you investigate the Testimony Concerning Jesus...

1. Study the three witnesses that the Father has given (1 John 5:6-8)
 - A. The Spirit - The role of the Holy Spirit is to testify to the world about Jesus Christ. Jesus told us that when the Spirit comes, "He will testify about me (John 15:26)."
 - B. The Water - This refers to Jesus' Baptism, where God the Father spoke from heaven and God the Spirit descended on Him like a dove. (Mark 1:10-11 and John 1:32-34)
 - C. The Blood - This refers to Jesus' atoning death for sinners on the cross.

2. Submit to the testimony that has been given (1 John 5:7-10)
 - A. We receive testimony from men all the time with much less evidence. The testimony from God is much greater and comes with greater evidence!
 - B. Anyone who rejects the Son of God is calling God a liar and inviting the wrath of God. Anyone who receives the Son will experience the Holy Spirit's indwelling.
 - C. "The question whether we accept God's testimony or not is not a merely academic one. Our answer to it will determine whether or not we participate in eternal life." I. Howard Marshall, The Epistles of John.

3. Stand firm in Eternal Life (1 John 5:11-13)
 - A. John has written these things to us so that if we believe in the Son of God, we may know that we have eternal life.
 - B. The foundation of assurance of salvation is belief in God's Word and His Son, of whom the Spirit and Scripture testify (vv. 11, 12).
 - C. Those who trust Christ can know they have eternal life because God's Word promises it to anyone who believes on Jesus.

Application Questions

1. What three things are in agreement? (5:7-8)
2. Why is God's testimony greater than man's testimony? (5:9)
3. Who has made God out to be a liar? (5:10)
4. What testimony has God given concerning His Son? (5:10-11)
5. What do we have if we have Christ in us? (5:12)
6. Think of someone you know who does not believe in Christ. What are the indications that person wants more evidence? What are the indications of a hard, rebellious heart?
7. How does Jesus' baptism reveal Him as the Son of God? Why did Jesus need to be baptized?
8. Some conclude that since Jesus was crucified, He couldn't have been God's Son. Why does John use the crucifixion as evidence in favor of His divinity?
9. Jesus said the Spirit would be coming to glorify Him. How does the Spirit still work to testify to Jesus? Where should we expect to see the Spirit working?
10. Why is personal testimony of conversion such a powerful witness to Jesus' deity?
11. Why is a person's present testimony of Jesus' lordship just as important or more important than their remembering a past experience?
12. What does it mean for the Son to be eternal life? Where does Jesus claim this for Himself?