

1Jn 15 – **God's Testimony About Jesus Christ – 1Jn 5:6-12**

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Last week we **impressed** God's Word on our minds with **the song**

*"First comes **Faith**, then comes **Love**,
then comes **Victory** over the evil world"*

important msg - - - & we **ended** last week with

1Jn 5:5 – ESV

5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

& now today – **we come out** of that powerful closing statement
that Jesus is the Son of God

& we go right into **GOD'S** Testimony
about **Who** Jesus Christ **IS**

& we're going to see **HOW** we can **KNOW** for sure
that Jesus IS the Son of God

& also - **The Eternal Result** - of **WHETHER**
we **RECEIVE** God's Testimony About Jesus Christ - **or Not**

Today's section focuses on **God's Sure Testimony**
That ***Jesus – is the Christ - the Son of God – The Savior***

Let's Pray

Coming out of V.5 - **that Jesus IS the Son of God**

We then read

1Jn 5:6(A) - ESV

6 This is he who came . . .

the word **came can mean** EITHER

“come into being” OR “became established, or known”

& the **2nd definition** fits the context best

This is He who became established, who become known

& so again – 1Jn 5:6(A)

6 This is he who came (became established or known)

by water and blood—Jesus Christ; . . .

The subject here is the **Historical Testimony**

the **Sure Witness** - that Jesus **IS** the Christ

That He's **Come from God**, & that He **IS our Savior**

& so – because John is referring to Historical Testimony . . .

he says – Jesus **came** (became known) – **By WATER**

That **would refer** to the Testimony of His **BAPTISM**

& He **came** - (became known) – **By Blood**

That **would refer** to the Testimony of the **CROSS**

At the **Baptism of Jesus** there was an **Incredible Testimony**

of **WHO** Jesus Christ truly is

ALL Four Gospels record the Testimony of God

About **WHO** Jesus Christ **IS** – at His Baptism

Mat 3:16-17 – ESV

16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

17 and behold, a voice (A testimony) from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

THAT is how Jesus *initially* **CAME** to us

In the sense that that is how he was **Established** (made known) to the world

This was **God’s** “**Testimony**” about Jesus
& this was the **beginning** of His *earthly ministry*

Of course – **ALL thru His life** (& way before & way after)
God was “**Testifying**” About **WHO** Jesus Christ IS

But John is saying

He was first **Established** as the Son of God – at His **BAPTISM**

& *then* (V.6) He **came** to us (was made known)
by **blood** - - - at the **CROSS**

Let’s read up to half way in **1Jn 5:6**

1Jn 5:6 – ESV

6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood . . .

Jesus Christ was **Established** – **Made Known** – **Proven** to us
at **His Baptism** – & also at **The Cross**

& this is **critical** – because one of the ways people **call God a Liar** is by **ONLY** agreeing “**half-way**” with Him

There are **many** who actually **call** God a **LIAR** by agreeing **ONLY** that Jesus was a “**Good Teacher**”

In fact - there are many **False Religions** who say **good things** about Jesus’ Life

some **even go** so far as saying He **was a Prophet**

But it was not only at His **Baptism** (& in His life) that God “**Made Known**” to us - **WHO** Jesus Christ **IS**

But God **ALSO** established **WHO** Jesus Christ is - **at The Cross**

As the Son of God – **Took on** the **Sin of the World** **God** was giving us His “**Testimony**” about **WHO** Jesus Christ **IS**

Mat 27:45, 51-54 - ESV

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

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51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,

53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. (all historical facts)

54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

THIS – is **God’s Testimony** – about **WHO** Jesus Christ **IS**

God Himself - has made **known** to us

That Jesus is “**The Son of God**” – ***The Christ***

1) by water – at **His Baptism**

2) by blood – at **The Cross**

Heb 9:12 – NLT

12 he (Jesus) entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

God Himself – is testifying to **WHO** Jesus Christ is

Both in **His Baptism** – **BEGINNING** His Earthly Ministry

& in **The Cross** – **COMPLETING** His Earthly Ministry

& He **does NOT** give us *the right*
to accept **one** without the **other**

We cannot say **ONLY** – “***I believe Jesus was a good teacher, even a Prophet, and we should try to follow His example***”

If we **DO NOT** accept – God’s Testimony
Of **WHO** Jesus Christ is - **BOTH** . . .

in His **Baptism** (& His earthly life)

AND – in His **death** on the **Cross** (as our sacrifice for sin)

If we **DO NOT** believe **BOTH**

THEN – we **DO NOT** believe **God’s Testimony** about Him

Which means – we are calling God a **LIAR**

& so . . . #1) we have God's Testimony of the Water - at the Baptism
#2) we have God's Testimony of the Blood - at the Cross
& then . #3) we have the Holy Spirit

1Jn 5:6(C) - ESV

. . . *And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.*

& so we have God's TRIPLE Testimony of WHO Jesus Christ IS;
At the Baptism - At the Cross - & Thru the Holy Spirit

Listen to how the NLT translates this sentence

1Jn 5:6(C) – NLT

6 . . . *And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony.*

It is the Power of the Holy Spirit
that confirms God's Testimony about WHO Jesus Christ is

In Jn 15:26 Jesus said – ESV

26 *“But when the Helper (Holy Spirit) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.*

& here in 1Jn 5:6 – it says
the Spirit is the one who testifies, . . .

This GK “Tense” for the word “Testifies” is
PRESENTLY & ACTIVELY testifying

The Holy Spirit is Presently & Actively Testifying to these things –
Because HE IS the Spirit of Truth

The Holy Spirit has **ALWAYS** been **Testifying**
to **WHO** Jesus Christ **IS** . . . hasn't He ?

All the way **thru the O.T.**

In **the Incarnation** (birth) of Jesus – (*over 300 prophecies*)

At **His Baptism** - & At **the Cross**

Thru-out Acts & the beginning of the church

& right up to **TODAY** – in **YOUR HEART**

The Holy Spirit is **Presently & Actively Testifying**
to God's **Truth** about **WHO** Jesus Christ is

& He will **light these truths alive** in your heart

If you will believe

Glance down at **V.10**

1Jn 5:10(A) - ESV

10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself.

Do you see the word **BELIEVES** *connected to* the phrase
HAS THE TESTIMONY in himself ?

Some people like to **talk** about **WHICH** comes first

You Believing– OR - The **Holy Spirit's Testimony** in your heart

But God exists **OUTSIDE** of time

So – where **God exists** – which comes first **isn't the issue**

What matters is the fact that **BELIEVING**

& having the **TESTIMONY of the Holy Spirit** in your heart

Go Together

& so - If you **Downright** – **Permanently REFUSE** to believe
The Holy Spirit will **NOT confirm** the Testimony of God in your heart

But if you will **CHOOSE** to Believe
The Holy Spirit will **BE** your **POWER** to Believe . . .

& He will **confirm** the Testimony of God
About **WHO** Jesus Christ **IS**

Because He **IS** the *Spirit of Truth*

Are you with me?

Now – **John Summarizes** in **Vs's 7 & 8**

But I want to ask you to **look at the screen**
to **read these 2 Vs's** with me

1Jn 5:7-8 - ESV

7 For there are three that testify:

8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

The **continual Testimony** of the **Holy Spirit**

The **miraculous** events at **the Baptism** of Jesus

The **even more miraculous** events at **the Cross**

These **3 Witnesses** all are in **Perfect Agreement**

That Jesus Christ **IS** the **Son of God** – **Messiah** - **Savior**

THIS – is the **3-fold testimony** of God

About **WHO** Jesus Christ **IS**

And we can **Absolutely** - **Guaranteed** - Count on it

Now – if you're reading **KJ** or **NKJ**

There are some **additional words** in **V.7** re: *the Witness in Heaven*

These words **refer** to the great truth of **the Trinity**

But - they were **not** in the **original manuscripts**

& **NKJ** gives you a **footnote** to that effect

If you'd like more info on that – ***come see me later***

So – We have this 3-fold testimony of God

About WHO Jesus Christ IS

The **Holy Spirit** – The **Baptism** - & the **Cross**

not to mention many, many others

Back in **Deut 19** *God's Law* lays out . . .

That - on **the Testimony** of **TWO** or **THREE** Witnesses

We can **receive** (confirm) **the Truth**

But God's **NOT saying**

believe this on 2 or 3 HUMAN witnesses

He's not saying

"Hey, Believe, Dave, & Jeff, & Nick"

God is saying – ***"BELIEVE GOD"*** – *The God of the UNIVERSE*

& He **still** gives us a **threefold witness**

& if God's Law tells us to believe an event

based on the Testimony of **Two** or **Three** *HUMAN* Witnesses

How much more should we Fully & Completely believe
The THREE-FOLD witness of GOD Himself

Let's read **Vs's 7-8-9** together
If you have NKJV – follow on the screen

1Jn 5:7-9 - ESV

7 For there are three that testify:

8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

THIS – is the testimony of God - It's the 3-fold testimony of:

The continual, work of the Holy Spirit

The miraculous events of the Baptism

The even more miraculous events of the Cross

Not to mention the countless other Miracles & Proofs

That absolutely saturate The Bible

& (v.9 says) if we receive the testimony of men

How much GREATER is the Testimony of GOD

If God has gone to such a great & miraculous extent

To PROVE the Testimony of His Son

& if we then REJECT it – When the Miraculous Proof
is absolutely OFF THE CHART

& if we STILL Reject it

Then we definitely - have no one to blame – but ourselves

& so - **because** God has **made** the Truth
about **WHO** Jesus Christ is - **so clear** - & **so proven**

The **only way** we can **DENY** it
Is to actually **Call God** – **A LIAR !!**

1Jn 5:10 - ESV

10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

- **God** has been testifying of His Son **since Creation**
- **Every Page** of the Bible (in some way) **tells His Story**
- Over **300 Prophecies** miraculously **fulfilled** about his birth & life
& all of it – a Testimony of the work of the **Holy Spirit**

& then – The **Miraculous Witness** at **His Baptism**
(not to mention over & over in His life)

& then – The **Most Miraculous Witness** at **The Cross**

& **ALL** of it – to Absolutely **PROVE** to you - & to me
WHO Jesus Christ **IS** . . . &
WHY you & I **CANNOT** go to heaven without Him

& **if God** has done **ALL** this
To Prove to you & I – **WHO** Jesus is - & **WHY** we Need Him

Then if we say – **I REFUSE TO BELIEVE IT**
It's like **staring God** in the face - & saying – **YOU LIAR !!!**

Because you're saying **everything** GOD is Testifying to
Is **NOT TRUE** – When He's Proven it – **over & over**

I promise you – it will **NOT go well** for you
To “**face off**” God - & Call Him a **LIAR**

& so – finally – **What IS** the **SUMMARY** of
God’s Testimony about Jesus Christ

1Jn 5:11 - ESV

11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

THIS is the **Testimony** – the **Summary**
THIS is what God is **proving to us** over & over again

11 . . . this is the testimony (of God), that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

God – **GAVE US** – **Eternal Life**

He has **GIVEN IT** to us – As a **GIFT**
& this **Eternal Life** – is **IN His Son**

HOWEVER – What do you have to do
In order to **BENEFIT** from a Gift?

You have to **RECEIVE** it, right ?

Have you ever had someone try to **GIVE** you a Gift
& you (generally out of your **PRIDE**) – you **REFUSE** it

“Oh, no, I couldn’t. I can’t do that, no I can’t receive that”

Pls hear me – if you **REJECT** the **Gift**
The **GIVER** has **STILL** Given it

HOWEVER – Because you refuse to **RECEIVE** it
you **CANNOT** benefit from it

Even tho, the Gift - WAS GIVEN

God has extended to **us**
the **greatest** possible **gift** for all eternity

& if you will **Receive** it, it will be **yours**
If you **reject** it, it will **NOT** be yours

When you **RECEIVE** a Gift – You **HAVE** it
& when you **HAVE** that gift – you *receive the Benefit* of it

& **HERE** – is the benefit . . .

1Jn 5:12 - ESV

***12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have
the Son of God does not have life.***

Look very carefully for me

Vs.11 says – The **GIFT** God gave us – *is Eternal Life*
and this life is IN his Son

& so (V.12 says) – ***Whoever has the Son has life;***
whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life

It really **can't** get **much clearer** than that . . .

Except maybe – to **explain** what it means to **HAVE** the Son

But let's **start** by explaining what it **DOES NOT** mean

To HAVE the Son – DOES NOT mean

- 1) an **intellectual agreement** with a religious concept
- 2) **acknowledging** that God exists, or even that Jesus exists

To **HAVE** the Son – is best described by **King SOLOMON**

Song of Solomon 6:3 – ESV

3 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine . . .

Having the Son implies

"A bond of permanent, intimate relationship"

THAT is what it means - when John says

Whoever has the Son has life

It is a **Permanent** – **Relational** - **BOND**

Whoever has the Son has life;

whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life

God has **given us Eternal Life**

& that life – **is in** His **Son**

But a Gift is of **NO BENEFIT** - - Unless you **RECEIVE IT**

We **CANNOT** acknowledge Jesus Christ

As a "**Good Teacher**" or even "a **Prophet**"

We must **HAVE HIM** – He must be **Ours**

as our **Lord** - & as our **Savior**

We must **HAVE Him** - - & **HE must HAVE Us**

I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine . . .

God has given you absolute guaranteed Testimony
About WHO Jesus Christ IS

Please – Don't call God a LIAR

Jesus is - The Christ – The Savior come from God
IN HIM is LIFE - - & apart from Him – is DEATH

1Jn 5:11 *And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life,
and this life is in his Son.*

12 *Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have
the Son of God does not have life.*

Let's Pray