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SERIES ON 1-3 JOHN

1 John 5

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of him. ²This is how we know that we love God's children: when we love God and obey his commands. ³For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands. And his commands are not a burden,

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⁴because everyone who has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith.

⁵Who is the one who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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⁶Jesus Christ – he is the one who came by water and blood, not by water only, but by water and by blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit, the water, and the blood – and these three are in agreement.

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⁹If we accept human testimony, God's testimony is greater, because it is God's testimony that he has given about his Son.

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10 The one who believes in the Son of God has this testimony within himself. The one who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony God has given about his Son.

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¹¹And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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13I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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Our Faith in Jesus Christ is the victory

Who? – No One!

Jesus is the only one who has defeated the world

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1 John 4:4

4you are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

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“not by water only” is a correction

The Spirit is introduced as a witness

Water and Blood personified as witnesses

The testimonies agree!

The Three Witnesses

1. Water -

2. Blood -

3. Spirit -

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John 1:32-34

³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and he rested on him. ³³I didn’t know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The one you see the Spirit descending and resting on – he is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”,

John 19:30

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

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ALL AGREE!

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Argument from lesser to the greater!

God's Testimony is the testimony of the Spirit, the water, and the blood! It's about Jesus!

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This testimony – the testimony of God. The apostolic witness. What you heard at the beginning.

Within Himself – ???

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What we do with Jesus is of infinite value!

Not just one way among many!

God gives the definitive testimony about the life and purpose of His Son!

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- **Argument from the lesser to the greater**
- **God's Testimony about His Son**
- **Within Himself?**
- **Importance of the Decision**

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Quality, not just quantity.

In his son – remain/abide

Possession – Has

Clear consequences of rejecting Jesus – have!

Not moral teacher, great example, “my”/“your” truth

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¹³I have written **these things** to you who believe in the name of **the Son of God** so that you may know that you have eternal life.

these things - the letter of 1 John
written to those of us who embrace
the apostolic witness of Jesus
If you want to know you can know!

Johannine Comma

1 John 5:6-9 (KJV)

⁶This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. ⁸And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. ⁹If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

Romans 8:16

¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children,

Revelation 6:9-10

⁹When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered because of the word of God and the testimony they had given., ¹⁰They cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, the one who is holy and true, how long until you judge those who live on the earth and avenge our blood?"

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BONUS

- 1. at Jesus' baptism (Matt. 3:16–17)**
- 2. the great commission (Matt. 28:19)**
- 3. the Spirit sent (John 14:26)**
- 4. Peter's Pentecost sermon (Acts 2:33–34)**
- 5. Paul's discussion of flesh and spirit (Rom. 8:7–10)**
- 6. Paul's discussion of spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:4–6)**
- 7. Paul's travel plans (2 Cor. 1:21–22)**

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- 8. Paul's benediction (2 Cor. 13:14)**
- 9. Paul's discussion of the fullness of time (Gal. 4:4–6)**
- 10. Paul's prayer of praise to the Father (Eph. 1:3–14)**
- 11. Paul's discussion of the Gentiles' former alienation (Eph. 2:18)**
- 12. Paul's discussion of the oneness of God (Eph. 4:4–6)**
- 13. Paul's discussion of the kindness of God (Titus 3:4–6)**
- 14. Peter's introduction (1 Pet. 1:2)**

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