

Been talking about assurance throughout this letter and we’ve finally made it to the verse that we’ve seen as the theme verse for this entire letter...ALMOST. We’ll be there next time. But, we have made it to the verses leading up to it. Here’s that theme verse:

**1 John 5:13**

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

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The verses we’ll be looking at briefly tonight are really a summary of the AUTHORITY FOR OUR ASSURANCE. That assurance? **The Testimony of God.**

**1 John 5:6-12**

<sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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In Scripture...Old and New Testament...in order to establish a proper testimony about anything, there must be two to three witnesses. Here John gives us the witness of God through three witnesses. Here they are:

1. **Water-Baptism**
  2. **Blood-Cross**
  3. **Spirit-Holy Spirit**
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Now, think with me. This is God giving testimony that it’s His Son that is the Savior of the world. Why? Because HE WANTS YOU TO BE SAVED!

**2 Peter 3:9**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

**#1 Baptism:**

At Jesus’ baptism, God spoke from heaven, “This is my beloved Son in whom I’m well pleased.” And the Spirit of God descended like a dove on Jesus. The Trinity was present at Jesus’ baptism. That’s the testimony of the water. And what’s interesting is that water cleansing was part of Judaism, but baptism wasn’t. Baptism was something that a Gentile would do to be cleansed, so for Jesus to allow Himself to be baptized was showing that all could be welcomed into the kingdom.

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**#2 Blood-Cross**

Jesus shed His blood on the cross and it was there that Jesus called out to God... “Why have you forsaken me?” God testified of His love to us by allowing His Son to be slaughtered on our behalf.

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### **#3 Spirit-Holy Spirit**

The Spirit bears witness that Jesus is the Son of God in that when we give our life to Christ, He comes to indwell our hearts. What’s interesting as I studied this is that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit into the womb of Mary. Jesus was then led by the Spirit from His baptism back to Galilee where the Bible says:

#### **Luke 4:14**

<sup>14</sup> And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

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Luke 4:18 says that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him to proclaim good news to the poor and proclaim liberty to the captives.

Turn to Acts 10 and let me show you this idea of the “witness of God.” Peter is in a Gentile’s home in Caesarea...Cornelius the Centurion and Peter shares with him and his family about how they can be saved. Watch the wording used about “witnesses.”

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#### **Acts 10:34-45**

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

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And so we see that when we give our lives to Jesus, the Spirit comes to live inside of us and He bears witness to us that we’re saved.

#### **1 John 5:10-11**

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So, what's your response? You know, we get the choice to either accept or reject Jesus? Do you believe? If you choose to believe, you will be saved. In fact, your eternal life started the moment you were saved! Because you will never die SPIRITUALLY.

However, if you choose NOT to believe, you are rejecting what God has said and done for you. You are calling him a liar (according to verse 10). "WHOEVER DOES NOT BELIEVE GOD HAS MADE HIM A LIAR!" You are rejecting what He's done to offer you salvation.

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It's this simple...

**1 John 5:12**

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Listen, for you to reject Jesus is not some wrong choice where you make a mistake picking the wrong nut shell of all the religions. No! This is not a game!



Listen...God showed us how to win! Jesus... He showed us where the pea was and said, "Pick this one!"



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For a person to reject Jesus is to say, "NO, I DON'T BELIEVE IT!" And that's so sad! Because you have rejected LIFE! Please don't do that! Receive Jesus and be saved!

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