



"Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work." C.S. Lewis



"But who do you say that I am?" Matt 16:15; Mark 8:29; Luke 9:20



1 John 5:5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?



6 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.



Who is He? 5,6

• 'water' and 'blood' • Spirit testifies! •4 choices – Ordinances, Cross, Tabernacle – <u>Life</u> • Baptism to the Cross by the Spirit! • Overcomer by what He has done – not me! • He is the Son of God – prophecy – history – truth!



"O mothers, teach your children the Word of God. It may spring up after many years. It may bear fruit unto life eternal after you are dead and gone." D. L. Moody



7 For there are three that testify:8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.



9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son.



Who says He is? 7,8

• God as witness

- Ministry (dove & voice)
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- Extra verses



7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. NKJV



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Scribes were trustworthy – not perfect! Many copies – sources – Luke .02 – 1/5 of 1% variants in 5800 Greek texts No dictionary! No spellcheck! No doctrine – most are obvious! 'onion'?



LOVE IS THE BEST TEACHER! "I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England." John Wesley



10 The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son.



11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.



12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.



Who am I? 10-12

I am a believer!
He is a liar?
I have eternal life in Christ!
I have life here and now – no more?
What truth do we have? What do we share?



"I don't believe there are devils enough in hell to pull a boy out of the arms of a godly mother." Billy Sunday



Who do you say He is?

He is the historical Jesus
He is the Son of God
He is my Savior
He is the life I teach my children/grandchildren



We not only bring up children – we should bring them to God!

