



## Week 15 Study Guide

**Read the text:** 1 John 5:6-12

*6 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. 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. 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. 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.*

### Study the Text

- What are some of the repeated words and key words in this section that help us understand what John is talking about here?
- John keeps emphasizing that Jesus came in the flesh. Why does it make a difference that Jesus came in a physical body?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the Son of God?
- What does John mean by water and the blood? How is he refuting the false teachers of his day? What teaching do you witness today that similarly strays from the truth?
- How do the water, the blood and the Spirit serve as witnesses that Jesus is the Son of God and the Messiah?
- What does verse 10 mean? How is that similar to what Paul says in Romans 8:15-16?
- Why is it essential that we affirm that Jesus is both fully God and fully man?
- John mentions the blood emphasizing that Jesus died in our place on the cross. What other Scriptures shed light on why Jesus died and why his blood was

necessary? Perhaps look at the following: Acts 20:28, Colossians 1:19-20, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 9:14, 1 John 1:7, Romans 5:9, Romans 3:23-25.

- What does it mean to have life/eternal life?
- How can we apply this passage?

**Prayer: A way to grow in your prayer is to first listen to God through His Word then pray in light of what you just read. In this way you are hearing from God then responding. You are also responding to how God has revealed himself in His Word. So as a group follow the guide below.**

- Based on this text, what can you praise God for?
- How does this text lead you to confess your sin?
- What can you pray for in light of this text?

### **Mission**

- This whole passage is about testimony. God has given us testimony about His Son that we might believe and have eternal life. But there are many who need to hear this message because without the Son they don't have life with God. So who can you testify to about Jesus? If you aren't comfortable sharing what will you do to get comfortable sharing? How can those in the group pray for your witness?