

Spotlighting Jesus



TRANSFORMING TRUTH

Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

From the Series,
"Authentic Trust"

1 John 5:6-15
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1. The Intentional Focus Upon Jesus (6-9)

- a. The Apostle's words (6a) - "This is He who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood..."

First century teacher, Cerinthius, taught the Christ came to Jesus at baptism, guided him in his ministry, but left Him at the crucifixion. John seems to be countering that heresy by stressing not only Water but also Blood.

- b. The Spirit's witness (6b-8) - "...the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree."
 - i. John 15:26-27 - "But when the Helper 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."
 - ii. John 16:13-14 - "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on his own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you."
- c. The Father's declaration (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."

2. The Imparted Testimony About Jesus (10-12)

- a. A non-negotiable testimony (10) - "Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him
- b. a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.
- c. A pinpoint message (11) - " And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
- d. An iron-clad confidence (12) - "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."

3. The Empowering Confession Of Jesus (13-15)

- a. Confessing Christ leads to life (13) - "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."
- b. Confessing Christ brings communion (14) - "And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us."
- c. Confessing Christ offers peace (15) - "And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him."