

# Did God Lie?

1 John 5:6-13

## All rise for the honorable Judge Jesus

It seems like Americans have always had an interest in the courtroom. The Trial of OJ Simpson, The televised cases of Judge Judy, and a few years ago the courtroom drama and followed Johny Depp

If we accept the testimony of men, how much more should we trust the testimony of what God says.

*Acts 26:28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."*

**John is not writing to the lost about getting saved but to the saved that they may be confident and secure in their salvation.**

In the legal system of John's day a verdict, guilty or innocent, could not be reached without the congruent (unified) testimony of 2 or 3 witnesses. And so, John takes the deity of Jesus to court and calls three witnesses to the stand.

1. The Holy Spirit
2. The Water
3. The Blood

## Testify

I would like to call our first witness to the stand.

*"Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?"*

## The Holy Spirit

John writes to us that (6) *The Spirit bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.*

John 14:17b ... but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 16:8 "And when He has come, He will **convict** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

### Convict:

- To bring to light and expose
- To find and expose a fault in order to bring correction
- To show one his fault and demand an explanation

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

## Internal Confirmation

The Holy Spirit confirmation

Romans 8:15-16 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

The believer is not afraid of God or nervous about death.  
For the born again believer, the end of this life is just the end of sickness, sorrow & pain.

Blood & Water: "The most perplexing in the letter."

## **Water**

*I would like to call to the stand, Water.*

### **Birth (Womb)**

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

***Even His arrival would be wrapped in the impossible.***

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

*It was the Son of God who came through the miraculous conception and incarnation.*

### **Baptism**

Matthew 3:16-17 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

- It is the Holy Spirit that continues to illuminate the very nature of God to our understanding.
- The birth of our Savior was a testimony in and of itself
- It was God the Father who testified of Christ at His baptism, this is My son in whom I am well pleased.

### Son of God in the flesh

Philippians 2:6-8 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

## **Blood**

*Our next witness to take the stand, The Blood.*

Remember, there was a well-orchestrated attack on the identity and validity of Jesus. -Doctrines of Demons

Really was 100% man, 100% God (Passion of The Christ)

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 9:12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

Hebrews 10:10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### **WHY BLOOD? Life**

Yes there was the blood... and then through that came new life.

My sins against God have been settled in the courtroom of heaven, PAID IN FULL!  
Pay off a car, house, parking ticket or civil fine... eternal fine for sins PAID IN FULL!

**These three testify, are you going to accuse God of a lie? DID GOD LIE?**

### **Accusing God of a lie (9-11)**

There is the gift and there is the giver...

**IN CHRIST – Where have you been looking?** (Hot & Cold Game)

### **NO WINDOW SHOPPING – SHEEL'S**

Forgiveness of sins, removal of guilt and shame, and a renewed undying hope does exist but it only exists in Jesus and is only received by faith.

### **NO WINDOW SHOPPING**

If you have ever been on a jury and then in the deliberation room. Everyone has their notes, examines the evidence and then individually gives an answer.

### **Is God telling the truth, or is God lying?**

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

### **Either God is a liar, or He is not.**

Has God given His only begotten Son? (YES)

Did Christ die for your sins? (YES)

Did Christ rise again from the dead? (YES)

Do you believe this? (either you believe God, or you think it's not true... and if it's not true then you are saying that God is lying about all of this)

The unforgivable sin: Blasphemy... a continued daily rejection of eternal life.

Why don't they come into the light... because they don't want to.  
It's not that they can't see the light, it's that they don't want the light.  
(Naked before God)

“Unbelief is not a misfortune to be pitied; it is a sin to be deplored.” – John Stott

There are three that testify  
God has not told a lie

**Now the answer to the question, Why?**

Why has all this been written? (12-13)

The Gospel of John was written to nonbelievers to show them who Jesus was  
John's letter was written to remind the church of who they are because of what Jesus has done.

**TO ESTABLISH THEIR ASSURANCE**

Imagine The frustrations of God when someone meddles with the relationship He has with those whom He gave His only Son for... adopted children of God. (Satan Deception)

**What if I do not feel saved, if I don't feel forgiven?**

You do not know you are saved because you feel saved or feel happy  
Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Believing is the root, feeling is the fruit  
Passing out of darkness and into light.

Believe (remember) it is a faith that gives way to trust.

**Eternal: forever and always relevant**

**It applies anywhere and at any time.**

THERE IS NO EXPIRATION DATE... the Gospel once worked but now doesn't.

**It's secure for eternity – does not and will not change**

Lots of things change, your salvation does not!

Clothing Styles Change

Cool to dress in baggy pants

Cool to dress in skinny Jeans

Cool to dress in Bell Bottoms

Music Styles Change

Politics Change – Christ Does Not

Culture Changes – Christ Does Not (Pickleball)

Health Changes – Christ Does Not

Relationships Change – Christ Does Not

**Jesus related to all people in all places**

*Dying of lepers, shame from sin, condemned drunkards, trickery of Lawyers, self-righteousness of pharisees – Jesus was not intimidated or unable to connect with each and every one of them.*

**WOULD YOU TURN FROM WHATEVER GOD ASKS YOU TO TURN FROM?**

Fixer Upper

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