

The Power of Testimony

1 John 5:9-13

Introduction

Revelation 12:10–11a (NKJV) — 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. **11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony ...

The Power of Man’s Testimony (9a)

Deuteronomy 19:15 (NKJV) — 15 “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

The Power of God’s Testimony (9b)

God the Son:

Water: (Jesus’ Baptism)

Matthew 3:16–17 (NKJV) — 16 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. **17** And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Blood: (Jesus’ Crucifixion)

Matthew 27:54 (NKJV) — 54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were

guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

John 19:34–35 (NKJV) — 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. **35** And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

God the Spirit:

1 John 5:6 (NKJV) — 6 This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.

John 16:13–14 (NKJV) — 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

God the Father:

Matthew 17:4–5 (NKJV) — 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” **5** While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”

The Power of Your Testimony (10-12)

1 John 5:11 (NKJV) — 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

As a Believer: (10a, 12a)

Romans 10:9–10 (NKJV) — 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 8:16 (NKJV) — 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

As an Unbeliever: (10b, 12b)

Conclusion (13)

Acts 8:35–37 (NKJV) — 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. **36** Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?” **37** Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”