

FIRST JOHN 5:6-13 - OBEDIENCE BY FAITH!

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(1Jn 5:6-13) *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. [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. [9] If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. [10] He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. [11] And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. [12] He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. [13] These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.*

The Certainty of God's Witness - vs. 5:6-13 - Testimony Concerning the Son of God

1Jn 5:6 *This is He who came by water* (fluid of life) *and blood* (fluid of death) — **Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood.**

- **(Joh 3:5)** *Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*
- **What does it mean He came by water and the blood?** Most likely, John means the **water** of Jesus' baptism, and the **blood** of His crucifixion. We remember that when Jesus was crucified, they came and they broke the legs of the two malefactors that were hanged on either side of Jesus. But we read When they came to Jesus He was already dead. **(Joh 10:18)** *No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.*
- **We read that when Jesus hanging there** on the cross said, **(Joh 19:30,34)** *So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His Spirit. [34] But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **blood and water** came out.*
- **The water indicates that Jesus actually died** of a heart rupture. Because when the heart ruptures, the sac around the heart fills with sort of a watery kind of fluid. And the fact that there came forth blood and water indicates the heart rupture or you might say, He died of a broken heart.
- **He came not by water only but by water and the blood.** There came forth *water and blood* and it is by the blood of Jesus Christ that we are cleansed from our sins. John tells us that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses a man from all sin.

And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth

- **the Spirit is truth.** John no longer emphasizes apostolic testimony, **(1Jn 4:14)** *And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world*, but writes of the testimony of God that comes through the Holy Spirit.
- **Since the Spirit of God cannot lie**, His testimony is sure. **(Joh 16:13-14)** *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. This is crucial information essential to our salvation.*
- **It is Biblical to establish the truth** and to establish the facts of a case. **(Mat 18:16)** *But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY WORD MAY BE ESTABLISHED.'*
- **We are witnesses.** The Spirit of God here is witnessing, bearing witness. The Spirit is true.

1Jn 5:7 *For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit;*

and these three are one. (Joh 10:30) I and My Father are one."

- **When Jesus was baptized as He came up out of the water**, the voice of the Father spoke from heaven saying, **(Luk 3:22)** *And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."*

- **The Spirit, the water, and the blood:** These are all consistent witnesses in telling us who Jesus is. We can know that *these three agree as one*. It isn't as if the Spirit tells us one thing, the water another, and the blood says something else. Jesus' life, death, and the Spirit all tell us who Jesus is, and they tell us it in agreement.
- **The apostle, having told us that the Spirit** that bears witness to Christ is truth, shows us that He is so, by assuring us that He is in heaven, and that there are others also who cannot but be true, or truth itself, concurring in testimony with Him.

1Jn 5:8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood;

- **At the baptism of Jesus, the Father and the Spirit** testified to the Son- (*Mat 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. [17] And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*
- **The death of Jesus Christ also witnessed** to who He was (*Mat 27:54*) *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!" (Heb 9:14) how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*
- **The Holy Spirit testified throughout Jesus' life** about His identity (*Mar 1:12*) *Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. (Luk 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. (Act 10:38) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

and these three agree as one. (Joh 15:26) *"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.*

- **They agree in one purpose**, that is, the purpose of presenting Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world who shed His blood upon Calvary and paid the penalty for our sins.
- **These three bear witness on earth**—the Spirit uses the water of the Word and applies the blood for our salvation. These three all agree in one—that is, they want to get you saved and keep you saved.
- **The Spirit inside you**, the baptism you went through, and the blood shed for you work together as one proof that you truly are a Christian.

1Jn 5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater;

- (*Joh 5:34*) *Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. (Joh 8:17-18) It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. [18] I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." (Heb 6:13, 19-20) For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, [19] This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, [20] where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*

for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

- (*Mat 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. [17] And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*
- **Man's witness is accepted in a court of law** A man who can be convicted or exonerated on the testimony of men's witnesses.
- **If the witness of man is accepted as true**, how much more ought we to accept the witness of God, which is much greater? He can neither be deceived nor deceive, but man may deceive and be deceived. If we believe the information given to us by mere people, how can we not believe the statements made by God?
- **"For this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son."** God today is not giving out news on every subject. His news is good news, and it is about His son who died for us on the Cross. That is His message. We are not to believe with blind faith. Instead, our faith is to be based on reliable testimony. And we have the most reliable testimony possible, **the witness of God**. This is the perfect witness! We ought to believe it!

- **For this is the witness**, and here is **the witness of God** even of the Father, as well as of the Word and Spirit, **which He has testified of**, and wherein he has attested, **His Son. God, that cannot lie -- (Tit 1:2)** in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, has given sufficient assurance to the world that Jesus Christ is His Son, the Son of His love, and Son by office, to reconcile and recover the world unto Himself; He testified therefore the truth and divine origin of the Christianity, and that it is the sure appointed way and means of bringing us to God.

1Jn 5:10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself;

- **(Rom 8:14-16)** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. [15] 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." [16] The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- **If you have trusted Christ as your Savior**, the Holy Spirit indwells you, and He testifies that these things are true. This is quite wonderful!
- **You who believe on the Son of God have the witness in yourself.** This is the record that God has given of His Son. The "**witness**" here referred to is the fruit of all the evidence, external and internal, on the heart, producing a deep conviction of the truth that Jesus is the Son of God.

he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

- **(Joh 3:18)** "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **(Joh 3:33)** He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.
- **When you don't believe God, you add to your other sins by implying that He is a liar.** God says, "Trust Christ, and I'll save you." If you say, "I don't need Christ to be saved," you are calling God a liar.
- **God had become a "witness,"** giving His **testimony** that the Lord Jesus was sent by Him as our Savior,
- **Rejection of God's testimony over time can lead to permanently hardening** against God, to the place where they may be one who *blasphemes against the Holy Spirit*, as Jesus warned in **(Mar 3:28-29)**. What hope can there be for the one who persists in hearing what God says, and calling Him a **liar**?

1Jn 5:11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

- **(1Jn 1:2)** the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— **(Joh 1:4)** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **(Col 3:4)** When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. **(Joh 5:24)** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. **(Joh 11:25-26)** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. [26] And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
- **And this is the testimony:** Let no man deceive himself here! The great truth to which *the Spirit, the water, and the blood* bear testimony. **That God has given to us eternal life** – He has provided, through the Savior, the means of obtaining eternal life! **(Joh 3:36)** He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- **(Joh 17:2-3)** as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- **And this life is in His Son** - Is treasured up in Him, or is to be obtained through Him. Sorry, Islam. Sorry Watchtower Society. Sorry Salt Lake City. The fact of the matter and God's essential message to man is this: Eternal Life is in the **Son**. . Eternal **Life** is only in Him; so it is impossible to have it without Him. It is all about Jesus, and living in Jesus is the evidence of eternal life. **(Joh 14:6)** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1Jn 5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- **(Joh 3:15)** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **(Joh 3:36)** He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." **(Joh 6:47)** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.
- **Indeed, this is straight! Clear! Concise!** Eternal life is only in the Son. God has given us eternal life, but this life is in the Son and he who has the Son has this life but he who has not the Son has not life. He

has no hope of eternal life. You have no hope in coming back, being reincarnated and giving another chance to finally make it. God's record! God's witness! The witness of God is greater!

- **God has given us the gift of eternal life through His Son** We cannot have the gift without accepting the Son. This is God's record. Any religious leader who tells you that you can have eternal life without Jesus Christ is speaking against what God has said.
- The question for each of us is: **Do you have Christ? Is He your Savior? Are you trusting Him** in such a way **that no one on earth or in heaven can shake your confidence in Him?** If you have not come to that point, you have not come at all. To be saved means you trust Christ, and it means you have Christ as your Savior. **"He that has the Son has life."** He's our lifeboat. He's our lifeline. He's our only hope. We are lost without Him, but if we have Him, we have Eternal life!
- **He who does not have the Son of God does not have life.** It cannot be made any clearer than that? Let's forget about religion, all kinds of Christian gimmicks. The important thing is: **Do you have Christ? Is He your Savior?**
- **Do you have Him today as your Savior? That is the only question** you need to answer. **If you have Him, you have life—you are saved.** That is the Testimony. Do you believe God, or don't you believe God? **If you don't believe Him, you make Him a liar.**

That You May Know

1Jn 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

- **John presents this that we may know we have eternal life.** We can know, with Christian certainty, beyond any shadow of doubt we have eternal life based entirely on the fact to which God Himself has borne witness. Eternal life is in Jesus Christ alone. There is no life outside of Him!
- **Also, we may believe in the name of the Son of God. (Act 4:12)** *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*
- **Our faith does not save us, Jesus does.** When we come to Him believing all God has said about Him we can know we have eternal life and can continue to believe in Him forever!
- What is God's testimony? This is it! Two things! **That you might believe on Jesus Christ and that you might have assurance that you are saved!**
- John always had a purpose in writing the gospels, writing his letters, and **the purpose was to bring to you a faith, a belief that Jesus was God's promised Messiah and was the Son of God!**
- In stating the message so plainly, John hopes to persuade us to believe. Even if we already believe, he wants us to **know that you have eternal life**, so we can have this assurance, and so **that you may continue to believe.**
- **That you may know that you have eternal life:** John's confidence is impressive. He wants us to **know that we have eternal life.** We can only **know** this if our salvation is in Jesus, not in our own performance.
- **Are you sure that you have eternal life through your faith in Jesus the Christ, the Son of God?**

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ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED? (AT THE CROSS) Isaac Watt 1707 Grace Comm (3:51)

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die! Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm such as I?

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross Where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away, It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!

Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! (refrain)

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in, when Christ, the Mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin. (refrain)

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do. (refrain)