

Love Made New
Knowing the Son of God
1 John 5:6-12
September 18

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. 1 John 5:6-12

Three Witnesses to the Divinity of Christ...

1. Discuss the significance of the baptism of Jesus regarding his identity. Use Luke 3:21-22 and John 1:29-30 as guides.
2. John says Jesus came “by water and blood.” Discuss how the baptism of Jesus and the crucifixion of Jesus agree in their testimonies. Use 1 John 1:5:6-8 and Hebrews 9:22 as a guide.
3. Discuss how the Holy Spirit witnessed to Jesus in prophecy, baptism, and resurrection. Use John 5:39-40, and Romans 1:1-4 as guides.

The Assurance of the Spirit

4. John tells us that “the Spirit is the truth.” Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in testifying to Jesus. Use John 16:7-11 as a guide.
5. Discuss why the Holy Spirit is very selective about what He reveals to us. Why do you think He chooses to limit His revelation to Truth regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment? Again, use John 16:7-11 as a guide.

Know and Pursue Real Life

6. Discuss what it means to have the testimony “that God have us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” Use 1 John 5:10-11 as a guide.
7. Why is it important that our testimony remain focused on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not on a secondary blessing that we may have experienced as a result of our new life in Jesus? Use Galatians 3:2-3 as a guide.
8. In what ways can you be a witness to the truth of the Gospel in your life?