

“God’s Testimony of His Son”

1 John 5:6-12

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John gives us in his gospel specific ways in which God the Father testified to the fact that Jesus is God:

- Through Scripture – John 5:39-40
- Through John the Baptist – John 1:6-8, 34
- Through the Disciples – John 15:27
- Through Christ’s Words – John 8:12-14, 18, 18:37
- Through Christ’s Works – John 5:36; 10:24-27, 36-38
- Through the Holy Spirit – John 15:26
- Through the Father Himself – John 5:37; 8:18

John wrote a momentous statement in 1 John 5:1 and 5:5. That statement is based on evidence found in the testimony that God the Father gave of our Lord Jesus Christ. John teaches us about that testimony in 1 John 5:6-12:

1. God’s Testimony about Jesus Christ – 6-8

The “water” in v. 6 refers to Jesus’ baptism which began His ministry of redemption. At His baptism the Father gave testimony to Who Jesus is – Matt 3:17

The “blood” in v. 6 refers to Jesus’ death on the cross at the end of His ministry of redemption. When Jesus died on the cross the Father gave testimony to Who Jesus is:

- Through the darkness – Matthew 27:45-46
- Through the tearing of the curtain in the temple – Matthew 27:51; Hebrews 10:19-20
- Through the earthquake and its aftermath – Matthew 27:51b-53

The Holy Spirit testifies to Jesus being God in three ways:

- By descending from Heaven and resting on Jesus at His baptism
- By leading us into all truth
- By His internal witness in the life of the believer

2. The Reason Why We Should Believe the Testimony – 9-10

3. The Consequences of Believing the Testimony – 11-12