

GOD'S TESTIMONY ABOUT JESUS

I. THE TESTIMONY OF GOD CONCERNING HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST

- A. God's testimony concerning Jesus Christ is the most important testimony there is.
- B. John's testimony about Jesus - Luke 3:1-17
- C. Jesus' testimony about Himself wasn't sufficient, and John's testimony about Jesus wasn't sufficient. You need two - three witnesses. John 5:30-37
- D. The works Jesus did was one way God was testifying to the truth about Him.

II. THE TESTIMONY OF THE APOSTLES – 1 John 1:1-5

The apostles, including Paul, were testifying to the truth about Jesus Christ being God, and were proclaiming the truth that He died for their sins and rose again.

III. THE THREE WITNESSES – THE WATER, SPIRIT AND BLOOD - 1 John 5:6-9

The water - God and the Spirit testified to the truth about Jesus at His baptism.

The Spirit - the Spirit testified to the truth about Jesus during His ministries years.

The blood - The Father, Son and Spirit testified to the truth about Jesus at His death.

The witness of God is much, much greater than the witness of man.

IV. THE CLEAR, OVERWHELMING AND POWERFUL TESTIMONY – 1 John 5:10

- A. Don't you think everyone would believe this testimony? Most people, because of their flesh and the devil, do not believe it. 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; John 3:16, 3:36, 5:24
- B. It is God's grace and the Holy Spirit working in the heart of an unbeliever that enables him to believe this testimony and be born again.
- C. There are two kinds of people - those who believe in Jesus Christ and those who don't, those who are saved and those who are lost, those who have eternal life and those who don't, those who have believed God's testimony about Christ and those who don't believe it. There's no middle ground. 1 John 5:12
- D. God wants us to have clarity and conviction with regards to our relationship with God, but the devil wants us to have confusion, uncertainty, and doubts.
- E. Having the testimony about Jesus is a spiritual thing, an internal thing. It's the work of the Holy Spirit in you that causes you to be born again, to be a child of God.

F. The one who does not believe God's testimony about Jesus is calling God a liar. He's saying that he is right and that God is wrong, and that God's not telling the truth about Jesus. A person like this is proud and very foolish.

V. THE TESTIMONY IS THAT GOD HAS ALSO GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE – 1 John 5:11

A. God is the One who has given us eternal life. He chose us, predestined us, and then saved us. Our salvation is a work of God and not a work of man.

B. Our salvation is a free gift from God. We didn't deserve it, work for it or earn it. We deserved to be punished in hell, but God has given us eternal life.

C. Eternal life -

It means you have an eternal relationship with God. John 17:3

It means you are loved by God forever. Psalm 136

It means you are forgiven of your sins, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Eph. 1:7, 13

It means you have God's joy, peace, love, goodness and power. Philippians 1:21

It means you will be able fulfill God's purpose for you. Ephesians 2:10

It means: Psalm 23:1, Psalm 23:6, Psalm 73:25-26, Psalm 119:57, Psalm 145

VI. THE ETERNAL LIFE YOU HAVE IS ONLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

You have been saved by Jesus Christ, and you can only live through Jesus Christ.

John 7:37, 1 Corinthians 15:10

I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST;
AND IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE,
BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME;
AND THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH
I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD,
WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR ME.

Galatians 2:20

SOME QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

1. What is the main thing you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. Why do we need all this testimony about Jesus Christ? Why is it so important?
3. What does the water, Spirit and blood mean when it comes to testifying about Jesus?
4. When you think about testifying to some person about Jesus, what are you going to say?
5. The testimony about Jesus is clear in the Word, but why isn't it so clear in the world?
6. Describe the two kinds of people in the world. Which one are you? How do you know?
7. In a few sentences describe eternal life. What does it mean to you?