

“A Sure Testimony”

I John 5: 6-12

God’s Testimony about His Son (vs. 6-9)... God has given testimony to His Son in three ways: through the water, blood, and Spirit. Much debate has occurred about the meaning of the water and blood, but most likely they are a reference to Jesus’ baptism and His death upon the cross. These events were outward proof revealing Jesus to be the Son of God who came to die for sinners. The third testimony is that of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit testifies internally, giving us inward proof in our hearts that Jesus is God’s Son.

***Believing God’s Testimony Concerning His Son is the only way to Eternal Life (vs. 10-12)...** As we believe the full testimony of God about His Son the result is “eternal life” – the forgiveness of sins and an eternity of fellowship with the Lord. This life is only found in Jesus (vs. 12)... if we do not believe in the Jesus that the Father has testified to, then we do not have true spiritual life.

***Questions for Discussion:**

- 1.** Why might Christians want to downplay the blood of the cross? Have you been guilty of this?
- 2.** How did you come to believe in Jesus? Was it a long or short process? Have you ever shared this testimony with a lost person?
- 3.** Jesus is the only way to eternal life. How does this truth make a difference in our lives?

(Reading/Meditation Assignment: I John 5: 13-21)