

# GOD'S TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST -- PART 1

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1<sup>st</sup> JOHN 5:1-12

English Standard Version (ESV)

**1** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. **4** For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**6** 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.

## REVIEW FROM WEDNESDAY RECHARGE:

### JOHN WRITES TO CLARIFY and AFFIRM TRUE FAITH in JESUS AS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION.

In every chapter he presents IMPORTANT TESTS by which the reader can evaluate --

- A) their own faith
- B) the faith claims of others.

### SEE THE TESTS OF SALVATION THAT SURFACE AGAIN:

- 1) The test of belief in Jesus as Messiah. vs 1
- 2) The test of love for the saints (those 'born of him', the 'children of God'). vs 1
- 3) The test of love for God vs 2-3
- 4) The test of obedience. vs 2-3

### SEE THE AFFIRMATION GIVEN -- TRUE BELIEVERS ARE 'OVERCOMERS'.

see the verb form *nikao* = 'overcomer' in verses 4 and 5

- *nikao* -- think Nike! (goddess of victory who aided Zeus in his battle against the Titans)
- *nikao* -- used 28 times in the New Testament, 24 of those times by the Apostle John.
- The ultimate victory is not in faith ITSELF but faith IN GOD.
- By faith we are loosed, transformed and empowered by the Holy Spirit!
- JOHN 16:33; ROMANS 8:31-39; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

## VERSES 6-12 -- GOD'S TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST (see vs 5 as the opening)

A correct view of who Jesus is is essential to salvation. (see 1:1-4; 2:22; 3:23; 4:1-2, 9-10)

The key verse of the entire letter of 1<sup>st</sup> John is 5:13...

***I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God,  
that you may know that you have eternal life.***

## **GOD'S TESTIMONY/WITNESS OF WHO JESUS IS THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE:**

- Jesus is the focal point of redemptive history.
- The Father repeatedly testifies that Jesus is Messiah, Savior, Redeemer, and King.

**Genesis 3:14** At the Fall God curses Satan, but Jesus is the ray of hope foretold to come.

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

**Genesis 49:10** God will send his Son to rule as worthy and triumphant King (also see Rev. 5:5)

*The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.*

**Numbers 24:17** God uses the false prophet Balaam to reveal a messianic prophecy.

*"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth."*

**1 Samuel 2:10** God promises the Messiah King through Hannah's inspired song.

*The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."*

**2 Samuel 7:12-15** God promises David a Son greater than Solomon who will reign eternally.

*12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

**Psalms 2** God declares the great judgment and hope of the coming Messiah King.

vs 2 *The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed,*

vs 6 *"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill. I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.*

vs 12 *Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

- **The extensive prophecies regarding the precise details of Jesus's birth, life and death.**

**Isaiah 7:14** born of a virgin

**Hosea 11:1** called out of Egypt

**Malachi 4:5** a forerunner before Him

**Psalms 41:9** betrayed by a close friend

**Isaiah 53** the significance of His death

**Micah 5:2** born in Bethlehem

**Jeremiah 31:15** attempt to kill Him as a child

**Isaiah 9:1-2** His ministry in Galilee

**Psalms 22** details of His crucifixion

**Psalms 16** His coming resurrection!

- **See Jesus's own explanation of Himself the evening of Resurrection Sunday.**

**Luke 24:25-27; 44-47**

*25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

*44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

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## Remember! John's reasons for writing his Gospel account and this letter:

- John wrote **his gospel** so that you can believe in Jesus as the Christ and be saved.

### John 20:31

*But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

John shows how the Father gives witness to Jesus as deity and Messiah:

-- <u>Scripture</u>	John 5:39-40
-- <u>John the Baptist</u>	John 1:6-8, 34
-- <u>the Disciples</u>	John 15:27
-- <u>Christ's own words</u>	John 8:14, 18; 18:37
-- <u>Christ's works</u>	John 5:36; 10:25, 38
-- <u>the Holy Spirit</u>	John 15:26
-- <u>the Father Himself</u>	John 5:37; 8:18

- John wrote **1<sup>st</sup> John** so that if you believe in Jesus you can know that you have eternal life.

### 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:13

*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*

John wants you to understand that GOD is testifying to the fact that Jesus is the Messiah AND that all who believe Him can have assurance of eternal life.

**In verses 6-12** John elaborates on the ultimate testimony that Jesus is the Son of God.

In PART 2 we will see the powerful culmination of God's perfectly complete testimony of who Jesus Christ is and the massive implications of that reality for your life and future.

The reality of Jesus's true identity is huge. It is dangerous. It is glorious.

## APPLICATION & MEDIATION:

- 1) *Has anyone ever shown you the testimony of Christ in the Old Testament scriptures before? How does seeing it affect you? What impact does it have on your understanding of Jesus?*
- 2) *Does this reveal anything to you about God's grand plan to save us? If so, what?*
- 3) *How does/should this message impact your life today? Tomorrow? This week? Forever?*