

1John 5:6–11
The Spirit's Witness to the Son

Thursday, June 20, 2024 • Read 1John 5:6–11

Questions from the Scripture text: In what two ways did Jesus Come (v6)? Who bore witness to this? Why? How many bear witness (v7)? Which are these three (v8)? Whose witness do we tend to receive (v9)? Whose witness is greater? Of Whom has He testified? What does the believer in the Son have in himself (v10)? What does the unbeliever make God out to be? How/why? To what two things has God witnessed (v11)?

What has God testified? 1John 5:6–11 prepares us for the second serial reading in public worship on the Lord's Day. In these six verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **God has testified that God has given us eternal life in His Son, Jesus.**

There were two great events at which God has announced to the world that Jesus is God the Son, by Whom God has given believers eternal life: His baptism and His crucifixion. In the first, water was applied, and God Himself announced from heaven that this is His beloved Son in Whom He is well-pleased (cf. Mt 3:17). There, Jesus said that "we" were fulfilling all righteousness by His identifying with us and our need for repentance (cf. Mt 3:15). The second was preceded by the transfiguration, where Jesus talked about His "Exodus" (Lk 9:31) and at which God testified (cf. Lk 9:35). Ro 3:25 tells us that, on the cross, Jesus was *exhibited* as a propitiation by His blood. Both in descending upon Him as a dove (cf. Mt 3:16), and in sustaining Him at the cross and raising Him from the dead, the Spirit bore particular witness to Christ at both events. By water, blood, and Spirit, God attests that Jesus is the Son, Who gives life. And if you believe, it is by the witness of the Spirit, even within you. If you don't, you're calling God a liar, and you will receive as you deserve. Jesus is God the Son, Who gives life!

What do you believe about Jesus? Upon Whose testimony? How does this assure you that this is the truth about Him?

Sample prayer: Lord, thank You for testifying about Your Son, by Your Spirit, that He is our life and sacrifice. Amen!

Suggested songs: ARP110B "The Lord Has Spoken to My Lord" or TPH265 "In Christ Alone"

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First John 5 verses 6 through 11. These are God's words. This is he who came by water and blood Jesus Christ. Not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the spirit who Bears witness. Because the spirit is truth. Four. There are three that bear witness in heaven.

The Father, the word, and the Holy And these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on Earth, The spirit of the water and the blood. And these three agree as one. If we receive the witness of men, The witness of God is greater. For this is the witness of God.

Which he has testified of his son.

He who believes in the Son of God. Has the witness in himself. He who does not believe God. Has made him a liar. Because he has not believed the testimony. That God has given of his son. And this is the testimony. That God has given us. Eternal life. In this life.

Isn't his son?

So, for the reading of gods inspired and And Aaron tort

And God has Declared his son many times. But the two that are Especially selected here. In verse 6. Are at his baptism and at his death. That his baptism. So water is poured out on him. And he identified with us. The spirit came down.

And, Descended upon him like a dove. And God said, this is my beloved Son with him. I am. Well, pleased. And then, with reference to His death and really his departure. But perhaps more, his death. The scripture tells us in Luke chapter 9. At the Transfiguration. That. Moses and Elijah were talking to him to the Lord Jesus.

About his Exodus. That uses that actual word transliterates it. In the Greek.

And they were talking to him. Of course, especially about his Dying for our sins. Which is what Romans 3 25 talks about. When it says that God, exhibited displayed Presented as an exhibit, his son. The Lord Jesus. As a propitiation by his blood. So that when Jesus was enduring the wrath of God for our sins.

And atoning for us by his blood. There is a double display. That Jesus is God. The son one? No one can endure. In a finite amount of time, the infinite wrath of God against sin. Unless he himself is infinite. There's no it is finished in hell. And so he has exhibited as a propitiation.

But the other way is that his atonement is valuable enough. To take away, all of the sense of everyone who believes in him. And so in that way, he has exhibited as a propitiation by his blood. So, the water baptism. The occasion where the Lord declared that this is.

His son. And his crucifixion. In which the Lord made display, that this is his Are both testimonies about Jesus Christ. Both that he is God. And that he Has given us eternal life.

So, the Lord Jesus. Is attested by the spirit. The spirit who descends upon him. At his baptism, the spirit, who sustains him in his Humanity. As he is dying on the cross, the spirit, who is his own spirit. The spirit who proceeds from him eternally. And yet because he had added to himself a human nature.

The Spirit by whom he had to be sustained. Now, the Glorious thing for a Christian. Is that if we have come to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, if we have spiritual life, by which we have come to believe in him, Then it's his Same Spirit. It's not us.

Spirit from Christ. It is the same, Holy Spirit who descended upon him, as baptism the same, Holy Spirit, who sustained him. At his crucifixion. Who has given life to the Christian who has come to live in the Christian. And so we have as it were an eyewitness always with us.

Dwelling in. Acting with the same power and the same desire for the glory of God and Redemption, and the glory of God, and his son, and the glory of Christ in saving us. The Holy Spirit who is acting with that purpose and that power and that love that Jesus's.

Baptism the Holy Spirit who is acting. With that purpose, and that power, and that love. At Christ's crucifixion. He is acting with that purpose, and that power, and that love. In the heart of a Believer. When the believer knows that Jesus is God. When the believer knows that there is eternal life in him, And we can see that it must be from the spirit, not from us because There have been many.

Who were very clever intellectually. And even had what seemed to be a great desire for integrity and integrity of knowledge. Who deceived by their own sinfulness. Have taken that cleverness and that Integrity. And used it to convince themselves that there is not enough evidence of this. Or there's not enough evidence of that or there's this philosophical reason why we wouldn't believe God in this way.

And man's wisdom. Leads him into following and sinfulness man's opposition. To believing and knowing that Jesus is God. To believing and knowing that there is eternal life by head. Is something that God the Holy Spirit alone. Can overcome. He only Overcomes the, the death and the blindness. That is originally and naturally in.

Because we fell in our first father, Adam. And so, when you realize, That you having come to believe in Jesus. Is because God himself. Gave testimony on Earth. That his baptism gave testimony on Earth is Crucifixion. But still God, the spirit himself. Is giving testimony on Earth. To and in the hearts and minds of Believers.

Then you realize, how sure. Your salvation must be. That this is the one who is doing it. And so he says, this is And says who is he who has overcome the world but he who believes that Jesus. Is the Son of God. Verse 5, that was last week's.

The end of last week's portion leading into this one. This Jesus, the son of God is he who came by water and blood. Jesus Christ, not only by water, But by water and blood. So saying, don't just look at the baptism. Where he's identified. At the at the applying of the water to him by the spirit who descends upon him.

And by the Father's speech from Heaven, Look at the cross. Look at who it had to be. That he could endure, the wrath of God in a finite amount of time. Look at who it had to be. That he could actually obtain eternal life for an innumerable multitude of people by his one sacrifice.

Of himself. By the one shedding of blood for the remission of sins. And this really is how the spirit the the great evidence by which the spirit convinces, the True Believer that Jesus is God. And that there is life in him. By giving us eyes to see by giving us Minds to understand and hearts to lay hold of What?

God, the son? What our Lord. Jesus Christ did at the cross and we said, yes. Yes, exactly who he says he is. And he has accomplished exactly. What he said he would accomplish, he has given us life. He has come that we might have life. And have it to the.

And so it says, and it is the spirit who Bears witness, because the spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness. The spirit, the water and the blood. And these three agree as one.

Late texts, and In the Latin that Erasmus was. Using whenever he didn't have a full full, Greek copy. there's The rest of verse 7, in the beginning, part of verse 8, But in the Greek used throughout the ages, it goes straight from For there are three that bear witness in verse 7 to the spirit, the water and the blood and these three agree as one.

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater So, we must remember that. God is a person. We must remember that God, the spirit when he attested Christ at his baptism, it is More powerful more faithful more, reliable. Then, even the witness of The. 500 who witnessed him in the 40 days after his resurrection who were still alive and you could verify At the time of the writing of First Corinthians 50.

The spirit. Witnessed to him. In sustaining him at his death and in the way that he died that. Centurion. Marveled and said, truly, this is the son of God. The spirit's witness is more reliable and significant than that of the Centurion. And the spirit's witness in your heart. Is more reliable and significant.

Than anything that anyone else might say for or against especially that. doubting from your own. flesh. Would say against So he says, if we receive the witness of men the witness of God is greater For this is the witness of God which he has testified of his son.

This meaning. His baptism his crucifixion, the spirit's actions, in both of those cases, the spirit's Ministry to us. Which is what verse 10 goes on to talk about. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself. The holy Ministry to us is the only way that we could come to believe this.

He who does not believe God. Has made him a liar. And so we call God a liar in his word. We call the spirit a liar in his word. If we don't believe that Jesus is God, if we don't believe. That Jesus has accomplished to eternal life. For those for whom he came and he died.

We listen. To the words that are preached or we read the words on the page. And we either say, yeah, that's true or that's a lie. And if we don't believe that Jesus is the son of God, then we are saying Of what the Holy Spirit has said. That's a lie.

Even there are some common operations of the spirit. To all men. He presses upon us. And we there are men who feel The pressure of the Holy Spirit to believe, That Jesus is God and they resist in their flesh. And so we must, if we feel like that if we have done that, We must be, we must ask God, the Holy To forgive us and have mercy on us and give us life.

That he who, Is pressing us to believe the Lord. Jesus Christ would give us also the life and Faith, by which we may believe, That the Lord Jesus is the son of God. Praise God. He is. And Jesus is his son, and the spirit is the third person of the godhead.

And so God has this Triune Ministry to us. That was especially displayed at the baptism. And in the crucifixion of Christ. He who does not believe God has made him a liar because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of his son. And this is the testimony that God has given us eternal life.

And this life. Is in his son. So it's not the testimony that you can get eternal life. By believing. That is the testimony. That God has given us eternal life. Which he applies to you. By giving you to believe, No, he doesn't say. Until you feel like he has made you believe and then believe, no, he just calls you to believe.

Commands you to believe. And gives you to know that he is the one who gives Faith. As you reach out with your heart and you rest upon God and When he gives you to believe. That Jesus is the son of God when you get gives you to believe that in him is eternal life for you.

Then you know that it is God who has done this? And that you shall surely be saved. Because eternal life is the gift of God. In his son. Let's pray.

We thank you. Our gracious. God father, Son and Holy Spirit, forgiving. Such powerful reliable. Faithful testimony. To your son and to his salvation. Grant to us the ministry of your spirit. To believe in him and to live. By that faith. And Grant to us to know that it is your spirit.

Who has given this testimony. Not only on those occasions. But even within us in our own Hearts. So that we may be sure and have A piece of conscience and joy. And your Holy Spirit in Jesus Christ through whom we ask it. Amen.