

# Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of January 23, 2022 A.D.

## What Is Your Testimony?

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

### **Read 1 John 5:6-8**

1. Verse 6 states that Jesus “came” (to planet Earth). From where did Jesus come? What was Jesus doing before he came to Earth? Why did Jesus come to Earth?
2. Some scholars explain these verses by saying that “by water” refers to Jesus’ baptism, “by blood” refers to Jesus’ crucifixion, and “the Spirit” refers to Jesus’ resurrection. Do you agree with that explanation?

### **Read Matthew 3:13-17** (by water) (baptism)

3. Was John (the baptizer) thinking correctly when John spoke the words found in verse 14? Was Jesus thinking correctly when Jesus spoke the words found in verse 15? Why are verses 16 and 17 included in the Bible?

### **Read Mark 15:37-39** (by blood) (the crucifixion)

4. Do you think that the centurion knew what he was saying when the centurion said that Jesus “was the Son of God”? Why is it essential to our eternal salvation that Jesus was at all times “fully human” and “fully (the Son of) God”?

### **Read Romans 1:1-4** (the Spirit) (the resurrection)

5. Is it essential to your personal eternal salvation that you believe with absolute certainty in (a) the physical bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead? and (b) your personal physical bodily resurrection as described in 1 Corinthians 15:51-53?

### **Read 1 John 5:7-8**

6. Do you agree with the statements which are written in these verses? Is it essential to your personal eternal salvation that you believe with absolute certainty what is written in these two verses?

### Read 1 John 5:9

7. What does John mean when he says, "We accept man's testimony"? Based on the verses which you have read thus far in this study, (a) what is "God's testimony about his Son"? and (b) how is God's testimony greater than "man's testimony"?

### Read 1 John 5:10

8. Please analyze, critique, and discuss that statement: "To refuse to acknowledge and to follow Jesus as the only Savior of the world is to reject the love of God and to choose to follow Satan."
9. This verse at 1 John 5:10 states, "Anyone who believes in the Son of God..." Using only the verses found at 1 John 5:1-5, explain what it means for a person to "believe in the Son of God".

### Read 1 John 5:6-12

10. The words "testify" and "testimony" are used repeatedly in 1 John 5:6-11. The word "testify" means "to bear witness to; to serve as evidence of; to make known." The word "testimony" means "firsthand authentication of a fact; an outward sign; and open acknowledgement." Refer to verses 6 and 10. How indispensable and essential is "truth" (a) to God, (b) to a pagan/non-believer, and (c) to a believer in Christ? What role does God the Holy Spirit play in the "testimony", faith, and salvation of every believer in Christ?
11. Refer to verses 11 and 12. Can any human earn eternal life? Who is the Son? What does it mean "He who has the Son"? What is "eternal life"? How can you personally know with 100% certainty that you (a) have the Son of God and (b) have eternal life?

### Read Acts 1:4-8

12. Who or what is "the gift" which is mentioned in verse 4? Do all Christians have "the gift"? Can a non-Christian have "the gift"? A witness is "one who has personal knowledge of a fact and who publicly gives his testimony relating to that fact." Does a Christian need to be a biblical scholar (a) to have a testimony? and/or (b) to communicate their personal testimony to others? Does God give to every Christian (a) a testimony? (b) the power and ability to clearly state their testimony to others? and (c) the opportunities and the obligation to give their testimony to other people each and every day?

**Consider:** There is no such thing as a secret Christian. If you are a Christian: God owns you; God has given to you a testimony; God expects you to express your testimony to others as often as possible and, when necessary, to do so by using words. "You think about that." Amen.