

# BOOK OF 1 JOHN

## Lesson #16 -Certainty of Witness

Scripture Reading: 1John 5:6-12

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### Introduction:

1. Last week, our faith overcomes the world.
2. Our faith is firmly grounded in Jesus as the Son of God through the witnesses.

## **I. THREE-FOLD WITNESS -vs. 6-8**

### A. SOME THEORIES

1. The water and blood from the side of Jesus
2. Baptism and the Lord's Supper
3. Purification and redemption
4. Water (Jesus' baptism) and blood (Jesus' death)

### B. GNOSTIC TEACHING

1. They believed that Christ came upon Jesus at His baptism
2. They believed that Christ left Jesus just before His death
3. The teaching of John refutes their teaching

### C. THE WITNESSES

1. The blood and the water prove that Jesus was God in the flesh throughout His time
2. The Spirit
  - a. Taught through the apostles -1Pe 1:12
  - b. Confirmed the word by signs -Ac 14:1, 2
  - c. He is the Spirit of Truth -Jn 14:17; 15:26; 1Jn 4:6

### D. EXPLANATION OF VERSE 7

1. Found in the KJV, but omitted from many other versions
2. It is not found in any manuscripts earlier than the 14<sup>th</sup> century
3. Erasmus revised the Vulgate and left out verse 7
  - a. He was criticized for omitting it.
  - b. He said if the phrase could be found, he would include it.
  - c. It was found in a margin
  - d. He later included it in his third edition.

### E. THREE MEMBERS OF THE GODHEAD

1. They are three in number -2Co 12:13
2. They are one in unity -De 6:4; Ge 1:26

## **II. TRUSTWORTHY WITNESSES -vs. 9, 10**

### A. THE WITNESS OF MAN

1. Under the old Law 2 or 3 were needed -De 17:6
2. False witness testimony against Christ did not agree -Mk 14:56

B. THE WITNESS OF GOD

1. The water, blood, and Spirit are in perfect agreement
2. This makes their testimony absolutely trustworthy

**III. BENEFIT OF THE WITNESS -vs. 11, 12**

A. WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS

1. This is not our eternal home now
  - a. It is to come -Mk 10:29, 30
  - b. Hope of eternal life -Ti 1:2; 1Jn 2:25
  - c. We don't hope for what we have -Ro 8:24
2. We can leave the faith -1Ti 5:12; 2Ti 2:16, 17

B. OUR FAITH IN JESUS IS CONFIRMED THROUGH THE WITNESSES

C. WE OVERCOME THE WORLD -1Jn 5:5

Conclusion:

1. Through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus we have great hope
2. Through our faith in Him, we overcome the world!