

A. The Challenge to God's testimony about the Son of God

"For if one comes and preaches **another** Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully." (2 Corinthians 11:4)

B. Three Witnesses concerning God's testimony about the Son of God (1 John 5:5-8)

"Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement."

1) Water: The baptism of Jesus

Why did Jesus get baptized? To fulfill all the requirements of righteousness.

The start of His messianic ministry and consecration by the Father

"And the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, You are My beloved Son, in you I am well-pleased." (Luke 3:22)

2) Blood: His death on the cross

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, **Jesus Christ the righteous**; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also those of the whole world." (1 John 2:1-2)
Jesus experienced Spiritual and Physical death on the cross!

Spiritual death: Separation from the Father ("My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?)
Jesus declaring, "It is finished!" It is paid in full.

Jesus shortly after that said, "Father into your hands I commit my spirit. (Luke 23:46)

3) Spirit: The Spirit is the truth

"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify about Me**" (John 15:26)

The Holy Spirit is the "Spirit of Truth". We get the FULL story from the Spirit of Truth

C. We receive the testimony of men

John the Baptist: "I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God." (John 1:34)
Soldier at the cross: "Truly this was the Son of God." (Matthew 27:54)

D. God's testimony about the Son of God is greater

"Since we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. The one who believes **in** the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son." (1 John 5:9-10)

1) Two possible responses: Accept or reject God's testimony

"By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God..." (1 John 4:2)

"Who is the liar but the one who denies Jesus is the Christ?" (1 John 2:22)
If you reject God's testimony then **you are calling God a liar!**

2) Content of the testimony: What does God want us to believe concerning His Son?

- a) That His Son, Jesus Christ, is God incarnate. (1 John 4:14-15)
- b) That God has given us, as believers in the Son of God, eternal life (1 John 5:12)
- c) That the source of eternal life is in His Son (1 John 5:12)
- d) That eternal life is absolutely certain! (1 John 5:13)

"And the testimony is this, that God **has given** us eternal life, and this life is **in** His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son does not have the life." (1 John 5:11-12)

God **has given** us eternal life (aorist, active, indicative)

"This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." (John 17:3) Eternal life is primarily a relationship, an eternal friendship.

E. God's Promise of Eternal Life is absolutely certain (1 John 5:13)

"These things I have written to you so that you **may know** that you **have** eternal life."

If you don't know that you have eternal life then there are two possible options for why?

1. You lack a relationship with Jesus. (1 John 2:4)
2. You lack proper knowledge of that relationship

Verses of Assurance: John 10:27-29; Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:38-39; John 5:24; Numbers 23:19

"This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life." (1 John 2:25)

"God is not a man, that He should lie; nor a son of man that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19)

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THE PROMISE OF GOD IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN!