

1 John 5:6-12

Three That Testify

Going Deeper...

1. We learned that the earliest manuscripts did not include the section about the three in heaven (Father, Word, and Holy Spirit). Why is it important that we stay as true to the original texts as possible when interpreting the Bible?
2. **Exodus 29** talks about the process of anointing the priests for service to God. Read this chapter and see if there are any parallels between the Levitical priesthood and Jesus as our High Priest.
3. Cerinthus taught that Jesus was merely human and that he became the Messiah when the Spirit came upon Him and ceased to be the Christ when the Spirit left him on the cross. What is wrong about this teaching and why does it matter that we have correct doctrinal Christology?
4. How can the testimony of the Spirit, the water, and the blood help confirm the legitimacy of Christ's claims as messiah (v9)? How can these three confirm your position in God's family and the life that He brings (v11-12)?
5. God doesn't need to prove Himself to us or anyone else, so why do you think He goes through all of this effort to validate His Son as the Christ of the world? (John 20:31)