

Can I get a witness?

1. The plan of God is that there are witnesses to His Son.

John 1:6-8 *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.*

- a. There are people sent from God. You are one of them. V. 6
- b. John came as a witness. You are sent as His witness. V. 7, 8
- c. There is a purpose to the witness v. 7 – “That all might believe through him.”

2. It is not about you and me. It is about Jesus.

John 1:15- 28 *(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”)... 19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” 21 And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” 22 So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” 23 He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” 24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” 26 John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing....*

John 3:28-30 *You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ 29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.”*

- a. John was not, not, not the Light. Neither are we. V. 8, 20, 21, 27
- b. He ranks before us. V. 15
- c. We are voices crying in the wilderness: “Get ready for the coming of the Lord!” V. 23
- d. We rejoice in our “friend” the Bridegroom, named “Jesus.” V. 3:29
- e. He must increase, I must decrease. V. 3:30

3. What does God want your friends to know and believe about Jesus?

John 1:29-37, 40-42 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.” 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus...40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus.

- a. We bear witness that this is the son of God. V. 34
- b. We affirm that the Holy Spirit anointed Him as the Messiah. V. 32
- c. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. V. 29, 36
- d. He baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. V. 33
- e. “Can I get a witness” this Christmas? V.37-42

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