

Know What You Know

Week 19: Expert Testimony

Sunday, October 27, 2024

"This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. ⁹ We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

1 John 5:6-13 (NIV)

Part One: Three Witnesses

1. The witness of the Spirit

A. _____ by the Spirit.

"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 1:18 (NIV)

B. _____ in the Spirit.

"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:9-11 (NIV)

C. Every _____ receives the Spirit.

"And now you...have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago."

Ephesians 1:13 (NLT)

"Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us."

1 John 3:24 (NIV)

"We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit."

1 John 4:13 (NIV)

2. The witness of water.

A. _____ birth.

B. Spiritual _____.

"Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented."

Matthew 3:13-15 (NIV)

C. Our _____ of baptism.

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Mark 16:16 (NIV)

3. The witness of blood.

A. The sign of a completed _____.

"One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out. ³⁵ (This report is from an eyewitness giving an accurate account. He speaks the truth so that you also may continue to believe.)"

John 19:34-35 (NLT)

B. The means of _____.

"But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin."

1 John 1:7 (NLT)

C. A symbol of our _____.

"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it."

Mark 8:35 (NIV)

Part Two: One _____.

A. _____.

"...and the three are in agreement. ⁹ We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Life through Jesus."

1 John 5:8b-9 (NIV)

B. Jesus is _____.

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

1 John 1:11-12 (NIV)

*** An _____.**

"Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart."

1 John 1:10a (NIV)

*** An _____.**

"Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son."

1 John 1:10b (NIV)

My Confidence _____
