

The Letters of John

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1 John 5:6-12

Introduction

“To experience TRUE and ETERNAL life you must have faith in Jesus Christ.”

I. The Testimony of God (v.6-10)

What is in dispute is not the fact that Jesus came ‘in water’, but that he came ‘in water and in blood.’

a) The water

Throughout the Gospel of John this phrase ‘in water’ is used in talking about John’s ministry of baptism. We know Jesus was baptized by John and that Jesus even baptized some of his disciples.

This phrase ‘in water’ means when Jesus was baptized and the Spirit came upon him. The physical manifestation of the Holy Spirit’s presence provided visible evidence of the Father’s testimony to the Son. It was also the beginning of Jesus ministry. John 1:33

But the greater significance of Jesus ministry is baptizing with the Holy Spirit.

b) The blood

Just as Jesus coming ‘by water’ refers to his baptizing ministry and ‘by blood’ refers to laying down his life as an atoning sacrifice - in order to cleanse our sins as His people.

c) The Spirit

The Spirit who is truth was with Jesus at His conception, baptism, temptation, and throughout his ministry.

All three convincingly demonstrates that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. How sad and foolish to believe the testimony of men and reject the testimony of God.

II. The Purpose of that Testimony (v.11-12)

The question whether we accept God’s testimony or not is not an academic one. Our answer to it depends whether we participate in eternal life.

a) To Have Eternal Life

John 3:36 – “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

b) To Have Life in the Son

III. Conclusion