



# God's Testimony About Jesus

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**1 John 5:6-12**

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**REVIEW** — Moving from condemnation to confidence!

We are “overcomers” (Nike) 5:1-5

- Overcomers **believe** the right things about Jesus — vs. 1a,4,5 “Whoever **believes** that Jesus is the Christ is born of God ... Whoever **is born of God overcomes** the world, and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. Who is **the one who overcomes** the world, but he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God ...”
- Overcomers **love** one another — vs. 1a-2a “and whoever loves the Father **loves the child born of Him**. By this we know that **we love the children of God**, ...”
- Overcomers **obey** God's Word — vs. 2b,3 “... when we love God and **observe His commandments**. For this is the love of God, that we **keep His commandments**; and His commandments **are not burdensome**.”

**INTRODUCTION** — John's 7 witnesses that Jesus is the Son of God

1. The testimony of John the **BAPTIST** (John 1:6-11).
2. The testimony of **SCRIPTURES** (John 5:39-40).
3. The testimony of **JESUS** (John 8:14-18).
4. The testimony of Jesus own **WORKS** (John 14:11).
5. The testimony of the **HOLY SPIRIT** (John 15:26).
6. The testimony of the **DISCIPLES** (John 15:27).
7. The testimony of **GOD** (1 John 5:6-12).

## LESSON — God’s Testimony About Jesus 5:6-12

### I. THE EXTERNAL/OBJECTIVE TESTIMONY vs. 6-9

*“If we receive the testimony of men, the **testimony of God** is greater; ...”*

The Theme — “testifies/ testimony” used **9** times. (vs. 6,7,9,10,11)

This refers to someone who **REMEMBERS** or has **KNOWLEDGE** of something that took place.

The Testimony — “This is the One who **came** ...”

*“by the water”* — This refers to the **BAPTISM** of Jesus — Evidence of His divine **LIFE**. (See Matthew 3:16)

*“by the blood”* — This refers to the **CROSS** of Jesus — Evidence of His divine **WORK**. (See Matthew 27:45, 50-54)

*“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.”*

The Teaching — What is God’s external/objective testimony?

The Critics — The Gnostics in John’s Day

The Confirmation — The baptism and cross of Jesus (which bracket the earthly ministry of Jesus) are the two places that serve as God’s **PUBLIC** testimony that Jesus is God’s Son.

### II. THE INTERNAL/SUBJECTIVE TESTIMONY vs. 10-12

*“The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony **in himself**; ...”*

The Believer’s Confidence — v. 10a

*How does the Holy Spirit testify to me I am a Christian?*

Romans 8:14-16

1. There is evidence of **SPIRITUAL** things in your life (led, walking, living by the Spirit) that are contrary to your **SINFUL** human nature. (v. 14)
2. There is a heartfelt cry to God as your **FATHER**. (vs. 15-16 - See Galatians 4:6)

The Unbeliever’s Choice — vs. 10b-12

1. **REJECT** the evidence. (v. 10b)
2. **RECEIVE** the evidence. (vs. 11-12)