

Part two
THE TRUTH ABOUT
JESUS CHRIST
I John 5:10-13

Today we'll consider the testimony of three more witnesses.

I. THE TESTIMONY OF THE BELIEVER (10a, 11)

A. HIS FAITH: Belief in the Son of God (10a)

1. His is a saving response and personal trust in God's Son
2. See Acts 4:12 and 16:30-31

B. HIS EXPERIENCE (10b)

- He has the testimony in himself
- 1. An internal testimony regarding Christ's work within himself
- 2. Peace through faith in Christ - Rom. 5:1
- 3. Confirmation as a recipient of the Holy Spirit's work - Rom. 8:16

C. HIS AFFIRMATION (11)

1. God has given him eternal life - see I John 2:25
2. This life is in His Son - Rom. 6:23

II. THE TESTIMONY OF THE UNBELIEVER (10c)

A. HIS DECISION: Disbelief

B. HIS BLASPHEMY: Making God a liar

- What is one's source for truth if the Word of God is lies?

C. HIS STUBBORNNESS: Rejecting God's testimony about His Son

- By his rejection, mankind exalts his reasoning abilities above God's revelation
- See Rom. 1:20-22

D. HIS JUDGMENT: See Hebrews 10:26-31

- There remains no more sacrifice for sin!

E. HIS CORRUPTION

- "Unbelief is not a misfortune to be pitied; it is a sin to be deplored"

[J.R.W. Stott, "The Epistles of John" Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1964), p. 182.]

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III. THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN (12-13)

A. HIS POINT (12)

1. This is serious!
 - One's response to the Son determines whether they have eternal life or not
2. What about the Son?
 - a. The one with the Son has life
 - b. The one without the Son does not have life

B. HIS PURPOSE (13)

1. Writing believers
2. Defining believers
 - By the things he has written in the book
3. Assuring believers
 - Knowing intimately about one's destiny and upon what it rests - cf. II Tim. 1:12

CONCLUSION:

What do you say about Jesus?

What's your testimony?

1. Do you call Him your Savior?
2. Or do you call Him something else?

Are you believing the truth about Jesus Christ?