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YOUR WITNESS

John 1: 6-8, 15-18

From an introduction to John the Baptist, let us consider some truths about our testimony.

I. THE CONCEPT OF A WITNESS (6-8)

- One sent to talk about Jesus

A. A COMMISSIONED ONE (6)

- 1. The Man: John
 - An ordinary, common man with a common name
- 2. His Mission: Sent from God
- 3. Our Mission: Likewise sent by God
 - See Matt. 28:19-20 or Acts 1:8 for instance

B. A COMMUNICATING ONE (7-8)

- 1. The Manifestation (7a)
 - He came on to the scene as a witness (see Luke 1:76-77)
- 2. The Message (7b)
 - Talk about the Light
- 3. The Motive (7c)
 - So that all might believe (Note Rom. 10:14-17)
- 4. The Methodology (8)
 - Point the way to Jesus See 1:6, 7, 15, 19, 23, 29, 32, 34
- 5. The Manner (15a)
 - Testify and cry

II. THE CONTENT OF THE WITNESS (15-18)

- Focused on Christ's majesty

A. CHRIST'S GREATNESS (15)

- 1. His high rank: Superior worth
 - The Life (1:4) and The Lamb (1:29)
- 2. His pre-existent essence
 - The eternally existent Creator (1:1-3)

B. CHRIST'S GOODNESS (16-17)

- 1. Bountiful (16)
- 2. Beautiful (17)
 - a. Giving grace Eph. 1:7
 - b. Providing truth John 8:31-32 and 14:6
 - c. Bringing hope Acts 13:38-39 and Heb. 10:1-4

C. CHRIST'S GOD-NESS (18)

- 1. The only begotten of God (Christ) reveals an unseen God.
- 2. Jesus interpret deity to humanity See John 14:7-9, II Cor. 4:6 and Heb. 1:1-3a

CONCLUSION:

Do you promise to tell of the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth?

- How is your witness?
 - 1. Are you fulfilling God's mission?
 - 2. Are you telling God's message?