

## PROVE IT! JESUS IS GOD

1 John 5:6-9

### 1 John 5:6 *Came by water and blood*

First and last public appearances of Christ: Baptism and the cross

Baptism: Mt 3:13-17 Time of real declaration concerning Jesus.

It's not enough to believe in His birth/baptism (water). When you put your trust in Him you've got to put your trust in the fact that it is also the blood that gets you to heaven.

*... it is the spirit that beareth witness...*

Holy Spirit verifies message inside heart of believer.

John 15:26 John 16:14

We weren't around when Christ was born or baptized or when He shed His blood on the cross but the Holy Spirit was!

Father--external witness

Holy Spirit --internal witness

Romans 8:15 - 16

Wiersbe: *The Law requires 2 or 3 witnesses for a matter to be settled (Deut 19:15). The Father witnessed at the baptism and at the cross, and the Spirit witnesses today within the believer. The Spirit, the water and the blood settle the matter: Jesus is God.*

### 1 John 5:7 Three heavenly witnesses to deity of Christ:

**Bear record:** – give evidence; testify; be a witness to fact that Jesus is God.

Proves the Trinity. Within the nature of the one God are three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. These three are called God and there is only one God.

**Father**--called God: God the Father used 13X in NT. Jn 12:28 Matt 27:45, 50 - 54

**Word**--called God: John 1:1-4, 14, 18 Heb 1: 8

**Spirit**--called God:

Easton: *divinity established*

(1.) *from the fact that the names of God are ascribed to him (Ex. 17:7; Ps. 95:7; compare Heb. 3:7-11); and*

(2.) *that divine attributes are also ascribed to him, omnipresence (Ps. 139:7; Eph. 2:17, 18; 1 Cor. 12:13); omniscience (1 Cor. 2:10, 11); omnipotence (Luke 1:35; Rom. 8:11); eternity (Heb. 9:4).*

(3.) *Creation is ascribed to him (Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13; Ps. 104:30), and the working of miracles (Matt. 12:28; 1 Cor. 12:9-11).*

(4.) *Worship is required and ascribed to him (Isa. 6:3; Acts 28:25; Rom. 9:1; Rev. 1:4; Matt. 28:19).*

### 1 John 5:7 **Holy Spirit** sent to bear witness of Christ.

John 15:26; 16:14

Only one present today who was present at baptism of Christ is Holy Spirit.

Witness of the Holy Spirit is internal... agrees with witness of water and the blood.

Witnesses to validity of baptism and crucifixion of Christ --He was there!

**1 John 5:8** Witness in earth: from human realm.

*Agree*: exist, happen, take place; live; be located in; remain, stay; come

Witness #1: Spirit bears witness in us. : Confirms in hearts Romans 8:15 - 16

Phillips: *Satan may try to silence that inner witness, sin temporarily causing us to doubt our salvation. But back it comes – that still, small voice of God bringing its assurance that all is well. ... (Rom 8:16).*

Spirit confirms presence by Word of God. 1 Corinthians 2:14

Believer has kindred spirit with God's people because of the witness of the Spirit in him.

Witness #2, the water bears witness by us. Referring to witness of our water baptism.

Witness #3—the blood, which bears witness for us. Jesus became our propitiation (mercy seat) by shedding His blood for our sins.

Heb 12:24 Abel's blood cried out for vengeance. Christ's blood gives us the assurance that our debt has been satisfied...paid in full...atoned for.

**1 John 5:9** The *witness in earth* is one thing but the *record in heaven* is more important.

What people say is great. However, what God says is more important.

Phillips, 167: *God is omniscient and makes no mistakes. He speaks with authority. The Bible is true – and it is absolutely incumbent upon us that we believe the Lord Jesus Christ and accept God's Word at its face value.*

Ask an unbeliever if He trusts Christ with all His heart. He will say, "no."

Ask a believer if He trusts Christ with all His heart and he will say, "yes."

What is the difference? The internal confirmation or witness in the heart of the Believer.