

## THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### **GOD ON THE WITNESS STAND**

1 John 5:5-11      Jeff Schreve

*If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for the witness of God is this, that He has borne witness concerning His Son. 1 John 5:9*

#### **What is God's testimony concerning Jesus of Nazareth?**

##### **1. Court decisions in Israel required two or three witnesses.**

*"A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed." Deuteronomy 19:15*

- God gives three witnesses.

*For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. 1 John 5:8*

##### **2. God testifies that Jesus is His divine Son.**

*But of the Son He says, "THY THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM. Hebrews 1:8*

###### **A. This testimony was given at His baptism.**

*And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." Matthew 3:16-17*

###### **B. This testimony was given at His death.**

*And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split .... Matthew 27:50-51*

###### **C. The testimony was given by the Spirit.**

*This good news is about his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ! As a human, he was from the family of David. But the Holy Spirit proved that Jesus is the powerful Son of God, because he was raised from death. Romans 1:3 CEV*

### **3. God testifies that Jesus is man's only Savior.**

*The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness that God has borne concerning His Son. And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 1 John 5:10-11*

- A. Believing God means we trust in Jesus and receive the Spirit.
- B. Believing God means we have eternal life in Jesus.
- C. Disbelieving God means we call Him a liar.

**Have you believed the testimony of God?**