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“Witnesses for the Son”

I John 5:6-9

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I. Introduction

A. The Believer

1. The profile we saw in the previous verses
2. One who believes in Jesus Christ, specifically that He is the Son of God
3. This of course being the way that one becomes a child of God
4. We prove our love for God by loving our brethren
5. We also prove our love for the brethren by our love for our God
6. An airplane needs 2 wings to fly
7. Thus love for God and love for our brethren are both vitally important
8. We obey His Word and commandments by faith and as we exercise that faith, He gives the victory
9. But it must start with faith in the Son of God, God the Son: Jesus Christ
10. The Lord of Glory

B. The “Object” of Faith

1. We see His coming
2. How He came
3. Why He came
4. The evidence, both heavenly and earthly, that He is who He said He was
5. As we see today, “Witnesses for the Son”

II. _____ Saviour (v. 6)

A. The Son of God

1. The previous verse states this
2. The Context confirms
3. Particularly where we have seen the spirit of antichrist addressed
4. The confession of Peter and the Apostles: Matthew 16:13-17
5. This truth and this fact is what Christ built His _____ upon

B. God the Son

1. We see that _____ is “he that came”
 - a) “He came unto his own, and his own received him not.” (John 1:11)
 - b) He came surrounded by mystery: 1 Timothy 3:16.
 - c) He came to forgive and save: 1 Timothy 1:15.
 - d) So as we see *how* He came, first we note *why* He came
 - e) Keep in mind a certain usage of the word “come/came”
 - f) That is the idea of “becoming” or “coming into” something
 - g) Given that Christ was our perfect Sacrifice, how did He come to be our perfect Sacrifice?
2. We see how He came:
 - a) By _____ and _____
 - (1) Not *just* water
 - (2) But this verse is sure to clarify that he came by blood as well
 - b) By Water
 - (1) First, this is speaking of His physical _____

(a) We understand the birthing process and the part that “water” plays

(b) Christ even alludes to this point in John 3 speaking with Nicodemus

(c) John 3:5-7

(d) We see in John 1:14. *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,...”*

(e) Christ came actually; Physically

(f) The Law demanded a living physical sacrifice and Christ came to be that Sacrifice

(g) He could have come no other way

(h) Philippians 2:5-7

(2) He came according to the Prophecy of the written Word of God

(a) We see the illustration of Christ as living water

(b) But also the illustration of God’s Word as a _____ agent

(c) Seen in the brazen laver the priests were to wash in before entering the Holy Place

(d) Psalms 119:9.

(e) Ephesians 5:25-26

(f) It was by the promises of God’s Word that Christ came

(g) God promised and He delivered

(3) He came to be our Saviour by physical birth; by water

c) By Blood

(1) Perhaps you've heard the phrase, "Trial by fire"

(2) Well Christ was proven to be our Sacrifice by Blood

(3) That is, by the things which He _____ and
accomplished to secure our salvation

(4) The crown of thorns into His skull

(5) The lashes on His back from the Roman scourge

(6) The nails pierced through His hands as He suffered on a
cross

(7) And there was no other way — Hebrews 9:22.

(8) Acts 1:3.

(9) He came to be our Saviour by the blood; He was the only
perfect Sacrifice for sin

d) Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, as this verse states

C. Witness of the _____

1. More than the evidence of His physical existence
2. More than the evidence of His physical suffering and supernatural resurrection and atonement
3. We have the witness of the holy Spirit of God
4. Just as with our salvation, the Spirit bears witness to us of the truth of Jesus Christ
 - a) His coming
 - b) His death, burial and resurrection
5. The Spirit cannot help but bear witness
6. The Spirit is absolute _____

7. Titus 1:2.

8. God cannot lie and this is His Spirit; It just stands to reason

D. Our wonderful Saviour; come to die that we might live

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III. Witness in _____ (v. 7)

A. Two places

1. In the next two verses we see where the record of the Gospel is kept
2. The record of God's redeeming love for His creation
3. Verse 7 here talks of a record in _____
4. Verse 8 speaks of a record in _____
5. In each of these two places there are three witnesses apiece
6. This is significant
7. In Jewish law and culture, nothing could be established by the testimony of only one witness — Deuteronomy 17:6.
8. This practice is carried into the New Testament church procedure by Christ Himself — Matthew 18:16.
9. As we examine them, we begin with the record in heaven

B. The Father

1. Creator God; The Lord of Glory; God of all the universe
2. Isaiah 40:28.
3. Romans 11:33.
4. The _____ is His Word in which we have the record of redemption's plan

5. But He literally gave His approval and witness of Christ more than once
 - a) His baptism — Matthew 3:16-17 (See also, Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:21-22)
 - b) On the mount of transfiguration — Matthew 17:5; 2 Peter 1:16-18

C. The Word

1. As we briefly mentioned, the greatest story ever told is contained in the written Word, the Bible
2. Christ is the theme; redemption is the message
 - a) Isaiah 7:14.
 - b) Matthew 1:22-23
3. But remember that John chapter one calls Jesus “the Word” — John 1:14.
4. The perceivable manifestation of an otherwise _____ God
5. And Jesus Christ, Who now resides in heaven, bore witness of Himself
6. Luke 4:20-21
7. John 4:25-26
8. Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, Bears record

D. The Holy Ghost

1. The Spirit that bears witness with our spirit
2. Our Comforter Who guides us
3. As this verse states, is One of Three that bear record in Heaven
4. Presented here in this context to show adequate witness

E. Holy Trinity

1. This is how we know each One referred to here is speaking of God
2. Each One of the Three Persons that makes up the Trinity

3. Father, Son and Holy Ghost; These Three are One

IV. Witness on _____ (v. 8)

A. The Witnesses

1. The Spirit

- a) Bearing record here and now to the people of God
- b) Romans 8:16.
- c) Instructing us in what Jesus taught and the Word of God says
- d) John 14:26.
- e) But He was also present at Jesus' Baptism
- f) Matthew 3:16. (See also Mark 1:10; John 1:32)

2. The Water

- a) The fact of His physical manifestation
- b) His water birth
- c) The 33-some years He walked this earth

3. The Blood

- a) His precious blood
- b) Spotless and perfect shed for you and for me
- c) 1 John 1:7.

B. The _____

- 1. This verse begins stating the fact of three Witnesses bearing record in heaven
- 2. But any number of witnesses, let alone three, are worthless if they don't agree
- 3. In this verse we have the three needed witnesses
 - a) The Spirit

b) The Water

c) The Blood

4. These three agree in one

5. All backed by the triune God of the previous verse

V. Witness of _____ (v. 9)

A. What man says

1. Many today believe what men have to say

2. Even Christians tend to live in our own echo chambers and just glom onto what aligns with what we already think or believe

3. Instead of _____ our ideas

4. So many do not hesitate to trust the “witness of men”

5. Particularly if it’s someone more familiar

B. What God says

1. Since so many think so highly of man’s witness, how should we view God’s witness?

2. Regardless of how much we think of the witness of men, the witness of God is greater

3. Not just by a little bit either

4. Isaiah 55:8-9

5. We have His witness in His _____

6. Psalms 119:89.

C. His Son

1. This is the witness of His Son

2. You might ask “What is the witness?”

3. What we’re reading right now

4. As well as all the rest of the Bible
5. From cover to cover, this book is about _____
6. Why we need Him
7. What He did to meet that need
8. What He is to do yet in the future
9. How we are to serve Him and love others
10. God has testified of His Son in the pages of His Word

D. Along with the other witnesses to Who He is, we should be witnesses as well
— Acts 1:8.