

## **The Study of 1 John: Joy Through Abiding Fellowship** **The Witness Concerning God's Son – 1 John 5:6-15**

**Hermeneutics:** Textual omissions and the integrity of God's Word.

### **The Witness of God Concerning His Son. (5:6-12)**

*"6 This is he who came by water and blood Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."* (1 John 5:6–12)

**The Trine Witness:** (Note: Deuteronomy 17:6 and 2 Corinthians 13:1)

1. **The Spirit.** (The Spirit of God)

2. **The Water.** (Baptism)

*"10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"* (Mark 1:10–11)

3. **The Blood.** (Death)

**The Witness of Man.**

**The Witness:**

1. **Life is in Christ.**

2. **Whoever has Christ has life.**

3. **Whoever does not have Christ is dead.**

### **The Confidence of Eternal Life. (5:13-15)**

*"13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."* (1 John 5:13–15)

**Knowledge beyond a reasonable doubt.**

**Focus of Faith:**

I have eternal life as a present reality, not just a future hope.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the difference between divine and human testimony. 1 John 5:6-8
2. Discuss the implications of 1 John 5:11-12 to eternal life.
3. Discuss the confidence in salvation from 1 John 5:11-15