

1 John 5:6-21 – That You May Know!

Introduction

1. John's Eyewitness Testimony of Jesus Christ (**1 Jn 1:1-4**)
2. Paul's Eyewitness Testimony of Jesus (**1 Cor 15:3-8**)
 - a. More than Five Hundred after Christ's Resurrection
3. What changed blood-thirsty Paul, Cowardly Peter?
 - a. Liberal theologians who deny the miraculous confess that something great must have happened to these men
4. Eyewitness Accounts to Historical Events is Trusted
5. The testimony of God is Greater than man's testimony (**1 John 5:9**)

The Main Idea: God's testimony concerning His Son, Jesus, is greater than the testimonies of men. Trusting and believing God's testimony about His Son leads the believer to have access to the Lord in prayer, forsake sinful lifestyles, have protection from Satan, belong to God, know Christ as God and the eternal life, and to guard one's self from false notions of the Lord.

God's Witnesses of Christ Jesus His Son (6-12)

1. The Courtroom of Witnesses: God upholds His own Law to judge the Soundness of His own Testimony
2. Upon the evidence of two to three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed (**Deut 19:15, Mat 18:16, 2 Cor 13:1**)
 - a. At Jordan: Public Baptism of Christ the Lord
 - i. Water Baptism began Jesus' Ministry – He fulfilled all righteousness
 - ii. He entered into His Earthly Priestly and Prophetic Offices (**Numbers 8:6-7**)
 - iii. God's Witness of the Water: The Spirit and the Voice from Heaven reinforced it (**Mat 3:16-17**)
 - iv. The Ministry of Jesus Christ was Marked by Suffering (**John 12:27-28**)
 - b. At Golgotha: Public Crucifixion of Christ the Lord
 - i. Crucifixion was the End of Jesus' Ministry: He accomplished what the Father sent Him to do
 - ii. Blood was a testimony to His Messiahship and Sonship (**Luke 24:25-27**)
 - iii. Divine Signs were given at the Cross (**Mat 27**)
 - c. In the Heart: The Spirit's Inward Profession of Truth
 - i. Jesus foretold the sending of the Spirit (**John 16**)
 - ii. The Spirit teaches the Truth (The Bible)
 - iii. The Spirit testifies to us that Jesus is God in the Flesh (**Romans 8:14-17**)

3. The Testimony of Men: We believe these every day concerning health, politics, life, and law
4. The Testimony of God is Greater than Men
 - a. We believe Men's Testimony, Do we believe God's?
 - b. To disbelieve God's Testimony is to call God a Liar
 - c. The Testimony of God: His Son, the Eternal Life, is Given to Those Who Believe
5. Two Destinies: Eternal Life or Eternal Death

The Weightiness of Knowing Christ Jesus (13-21)

1. The Door from God's Courtroom: Knowing Jesus Produces Assurance of Salvation, Eternal Life (**v 13**)
 - a. The purpose statement of the entire letter
 - b. "Knowing" you are saved is the summation of this letter
2. Entering the Room of Christian Confidence: Definite resolve that the believer is one who trusts the testimony of God
 - a. They Know they have Eternal Life
 - b. They Know they have Access to God through Jesus Christ
 - i. Prayer According to God's Will for Yourself
 1. We do not receive because either we do not ask or because we will foolishly use what is given on our selfish passions (**James 4:2-3**)
 - ii. Prayer for the Backsliding Brother or Sister in Christ
 1. *Sin unto Death* – The Sin of Apostasy
 2. These profess Christ and Leave (**1 John 2:19**)
 3. The Parable of the Sower (**Luke 8:11-15**)
 4. Unpardonable Sin – a hardened heart (**Heb 6:4-6**)
 - c. They Know they are Eternally Protected and Preserved
 - i. Awareness of the Evil One's Power over the World
 - ii. Christ Keeps His Own – Your eternal destiny is protected and preserved from On High
 - iii. Nothing Can Separate you from the Love of God in Christ Jesus
 - d. They Know they belong to God, while the World belongs to Satan
 - i. Belonging to God is freedom to believe and obey
 - e. They Know Jesus is True God and the Eternal Life
 - i. Very Clear Statement on the Divinity of Christ
 - ii. He is the Way the Truth and the Life, God in the flesh
 - f. They Know they must Guard their Hearts from Idolatry
 - i. John encourages Christians in Assurance of Salvation
 - ii. John refutes False Notions about God and His Son
 - iii. Idolatry is Spiritual Adultery = Belief in false ideas, to disregard what God has said, to twist it, or present some other description of God
 - iv. Do you trust what the Lord has Said?