

Sermon: 1 John 5:6-12 "Can I Get a Witness?"

1. Water
2. Blood
3. Spirit

Cerinthus was a first century gnostic teacher- taught that the divine "logos," or word descended onto Jesus at his baptism and left him at the time of his arrest or at least before crucifixion so that it was not the divine son of God who suffered and died. According to the early Church father Irenaeus this is the teacher that John is responding to in his letters and even his gospel.

With this in mind as we come to the writings of John we thinking like the word "logos" jump out at us. Emphasis of Jesus as the son of GOD and his oneness with the Father from the time of the incarnation

And this is what John continues to point out as what he is bearing witness to. Here he is pointing out three witness that support that Jesus is fully human and fully divine from from his birth until his death and everything in between. And we are going to see this both here in 1 John 5 and in the gospel of John

1. Water,
 - a. This is the testimony of John
 - i. John 1 19-34
 - ii. John came baptizing so that he might identify Jesus
 1. When the spirit descended on Christ John understood and he testified that Jesus was the Lamb of God
 2. Jesus didn't become the lamb of GOD at this point God was showing him to John
 - iii. SO Jesus points out in John 5:30-35 that John was a credible witness to who he was
2. Blood
 - a. This is the testimony of the miraculous works Jesus did the greatest of which was his death on the cross for sin
 - i. John 5:36b the works that I am doing - think of all the miracles Jesus performed- these works he was sent to do and he testified to show he was
 - ii. John 5:36a the works that I have been sent to do
 1. ¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him

authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. **3**And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. **4**I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. **5**And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

2. **30**When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

iii. It was this final work that was the most validating, the most declarative, the most telling that he was indeed the God’s son, The lamb of God sent to take away the sins of the world

3. The spirit

a. The writings John 5:36ff

i. 2 tim 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God . . .

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b. John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

c. John 15:26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

d. 1 cor 12:3 So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

30“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. **31**If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. **32**There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. **33**You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. **34**Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. **35**He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. **36**But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. **37**And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, **38**and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. **39**You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, **40**yet

you refuse to come to me that you may have life. 41I do not receive glory from people. 42But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"