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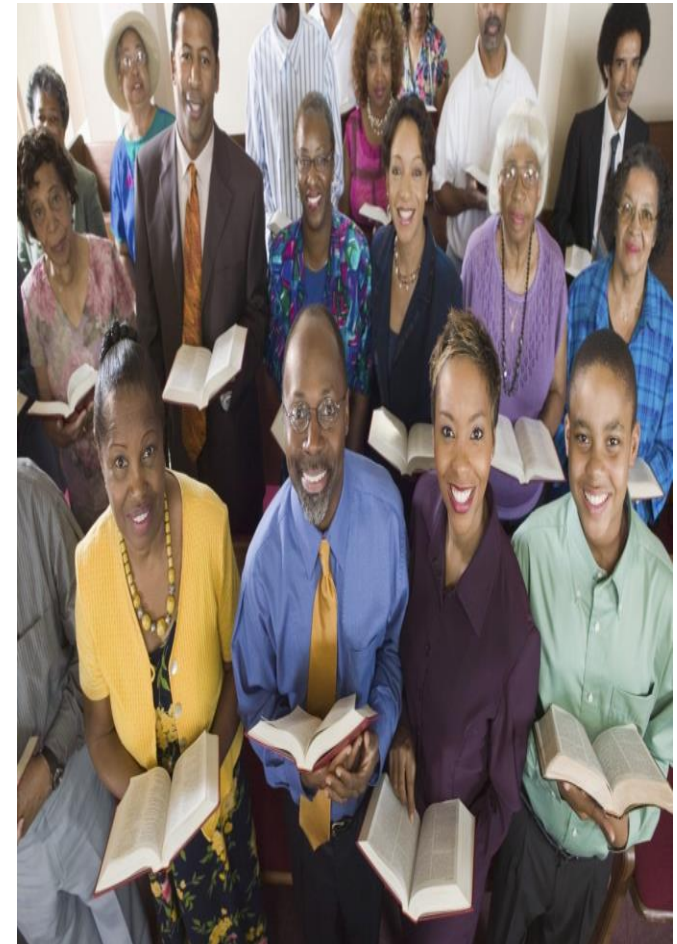
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*Learning ...
Loving ...
Leaning ...
Living ...
Leading ...
By the Word
of God*





Preaching theme

1 JOHN

finding what's real in a world of fake

THE WITNESS OF GOD HIMSELF

1 John 5:9-13

- In a civil court case, one of the means that the lawyers for the defendant and the plaintiff attempt to build their case is with the use of **credible** witnesses.

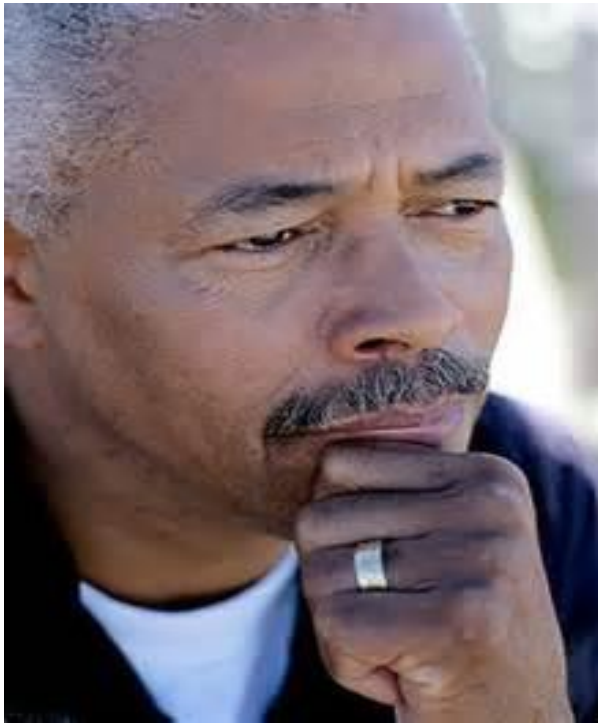


- **God the Father Himself is the key witness to the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**



THE BIG QUESTION

What makes the witness of God Himself so significant?



There are Four Key Features of the Father's Testimony that Jesus is the Son of God

- **GOD'S TESTIMONY OF HIS SON IS CLEARLY SUPERIOR**
- **GOD'S TESTIMONY OF HIS SON IS CLEARLY SUBSTANTIATED**
- **GOD'S TESTIMONY OF HIS SON IS CLEARLY STATED**
- **GOD'S TESTIMONY OF HIS SON IS CLEARLY SPECIFIC**

GOD'S TESTIMONY OF HIS SON IS CLEARLY SUPERIOR

- **We Normally Accept the Testimony of Men**
 - The truth or validity of a testimony has to be established by two or three witness (Deut.17:6; 19:15).
 - However, we often believe what people tell us, sometimes, without validation.
- **The Testimony of God is Greater than the Testimony of Men.**
 - What men say is not always the truth nor is it always reliable.
 - God is a God of truth, therefore, everything He says is always true, trustworthy, and reliable.
- **Since God's Testimony is Greater than Man's Testimony God's Testimony Should be Believed.**
 - The Gospels twice record God's clear declaration that Jesus is the Son of God (e.g., at His baptism and at the Transfiguration).
 - **Point:** God's witness of the Son is the most competent witness

We don't like to refer to it
as gossipping..

We simply consider it
"sharing our opinions about
other people's life choices"..



GOD'S TESTIMONY OF HIS SON IS CLEARLY SUBSTANTIATED

- **He Who Believes in the Son of God has the Witness (of God Himself) in Himself.**
 - A true Christian believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God without any doubts or questions.
 - A true Christian has the witness of God in himself (e.g., the affirming, confirming witness of the Holy Spirit)
- **He Who Does Not Believe God Has Made Him a Liar**
 - Many people believe in God; they even believe that there is only one God, but they deny that Jesus is the Son of God, thereby making God a liar!!
 - People make God a liar when they deny the very testimony that He made out of His own mouth!!



The Spirit itself
beareth witness with our spirit,

that we are
the children of God.

Romans 8:16

GOD'S TESTIMONY OF HIS SON IS CLEARLY STATED

- **Statement #1: God Has Given Us Eternal life**
 - The “eternal life” here is more than just living forever (i.e., everyone, saved and unsaved will live forever)
 - Eternal life speaks of a quality of life, a certain kind of life (i.e., an eternity of joy, peace, security, and enjoyment).
- **Statement #2: This Life is in His Son**
 - The Son of God is the source of eternal life
 - The Son of God makes eternal life available to all who believe.
- **Statement #3: He Who Has The Son Has The Life**
 - They have the life NOW--they possess a new nature and enjoy fellowship with God now.
 - They have the life in the FUTURE--they will enjoy fellowship with God in the new heavens and the new earth.
- **Statement #4: He Who Does Not Have The Son Does Not Have The Life.**
 - This does not mean that they will cease to exist!!
 - This means that they will not enjoy fellowship with God now nor in the future.



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GOD'S TESTIMONY OF HIS SON IS CLEALY SPECIFIC

- **The Purpose of John's Gospel:**
 - **John 20:30-31: “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.**

- **The Purpose of John's First Epistle:**
 - **1 John 5:13: These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.**

CHALLENGE

Do you believe God's
Testimony of His Son?

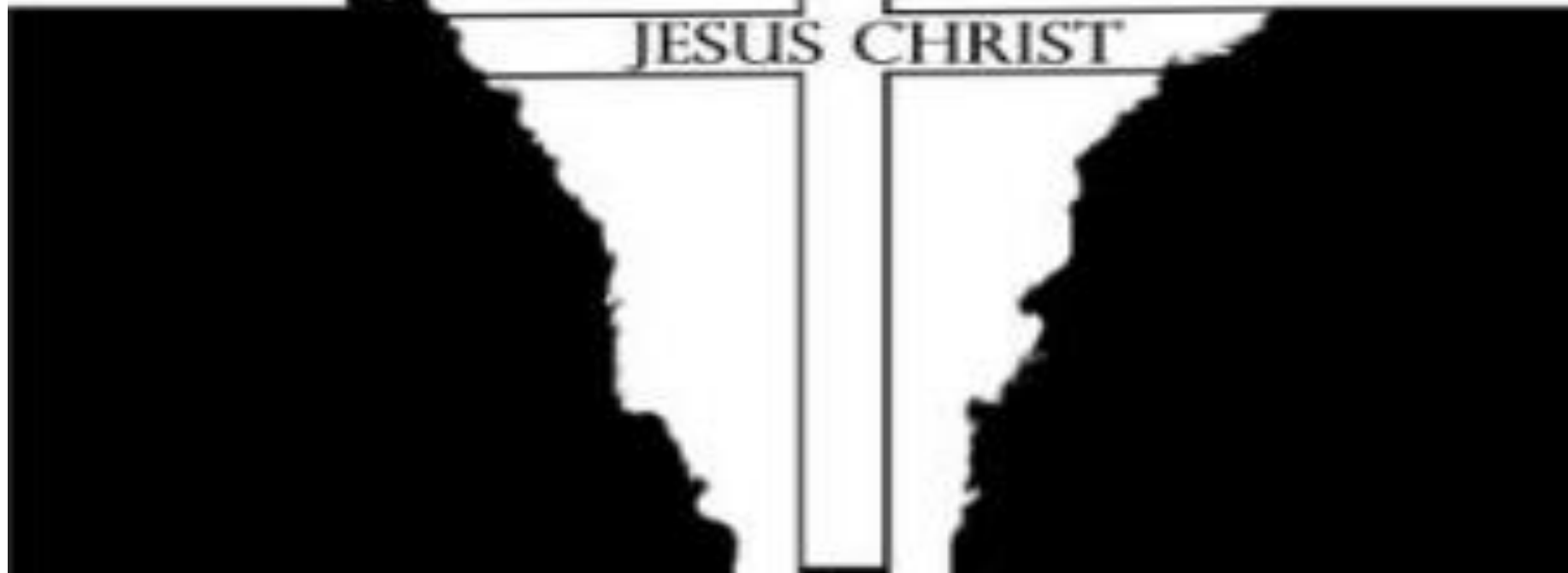
RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



GOD HAS PROVIDED THE
ONLY WAY...WE MUST MAKE
THE CHOICE



JESUS CHRIST



- 1. Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- 3. Affirm** that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.