

BLESSED ASSURANCE (1 John 5:6-13)

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TEXT: 1 Jn. 5:6-13

MAIN IDEA—Assurance of salvation comes from believing God's testimony concerning His Son Jesus Christ. All of this is a gift and work of God's grace.

MEMORY VERSE--1 Jn. 5:13

THE EXTERNAL WITNESS (1 Jn. 5:6-9)—John writes of three witnesses God has given that testify that Jesus is the Son of God who has come in the flesh to redeem us. He mentions the water, blood, and Spirit as witnesses that testify about Jesus' humanity and deity.

V6a—The testimony of the Water and blood.

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>Some believe that ‘water and blood’ refer to natural birth where water and blood are present (i.e. Jesus was really a man through physical birth).

>Both John Calvin & Martin Luther connected the phrase to John 4 & 6 and saw in it the sacraments. >Some scholars interpret ‘water and blood’ as referring to that which flowed from the Savior’s side while he hung on Calvary’s cross **(Jn. 19:33-35)**.

Ps. 34:20; Jn. 20:27

>Other scholars believe ‘water and blood’ refer to Jesus’ baptism and crucifixion which are the areas the Gnostics were teaching heresy about.

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Matt. 3:13-17; 1 Jn. 4:10

V6b-God has given testimony about His Son by the Spirit. The Spirit working through the word announced to the human heart brings salvation to sinners (**Jn.14:26; 15:26; 1 Jn. 3:24**).

V9--We accept the testimony of men through written records (i.e. like the flood; the reformation; or other historic events) though we've never seen them, yet John appeals to an infinitely greater testimony, God's testimony!

Matt. 17:1-9

THE INTERNAL WITNESS (1 Jn. 5:10)—God's witness, that Jesus is the Son of God, lives within

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the heart of every believer through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives power to become a child of God (**Jn. 1:12-13**); bears witness in our hearts that we are God's children (**Rom. 8:16-17**); empowers us to desire and do God's will (**Phil. 2:12-13**); and seals us (**Eph. 1:13-14**).

V10b—Whether we are aware or not, if we refuse to believe the testimony God has given about Jesus we are calling God a liar. This is the ultimate form of blasphemy. Those who hold this view until death, sadly but justly, will experience the complete wrath of God.

LIFE IN THE SON (1 Jn. 5:11-12) The Apostle John summarizes the Gospel and the blessing it brings to all who will trust in Jesus.

Col. 1:16-17

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John 17:3; 3:16-18, 36; Jn. 10:10

Rom.10:9-10, 13

Rom. 8:34-37

John Piper--He who has the Son has One who can take all tribulation and distress and persecution and peril and turn it so that out of it comes not just a wounded soldier--no we are not just conquerors. Those who have the Son are 'more than conquerors.' Which means that the Son of God takes the tribulations of your life and actually turns them for your good. You don't just escape from your enemy. He serves you.