

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST?

I John 5:6-12

Introduction;

- A. Believing the witness of God.
 - 1. The Bible teaches us to believe on Jesus.
 - 2. 5:1 "Jesus is the Christ."
 - 3. 5:5 "Jesus is the Son of God."

- B. How do we know Jesus is the Christ?
 - 1. The testimony of God's Word.
 - 2. The works of Jesus.
 - 3. The witness of the Spirit.

I . THE SPIRIT MARKED THE WAY JESUS CAME. VS. 6

- A. Jesus came by water. His baptism.
 - 1. John 1:19-34
 - 2. vs. 32,33

- B. Jesus came by blood, His crucifixion.
 - 1. The O.T. offerings and the passover.
 - 2. He shed His blood. John 19:32-34

- C. The Spirit bears witness.
 - 1. The Holy Spirit is God's witness.
 - 2. The Spirit always witness the truth.

II . THE SPIRIT IS GOD'S WITNESS AND GOD. VS. 7,8

- A. A trinity bears record in heaven. vs. 7
 - 1. record = to be a witness, to confirm or approve.
 - 2. The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit.
 - 3. "These three are one."

- B. There is a trinity that bears witness on earth.
 - 1. witness = one who remembers.
 - 2. "the Spirit" = John 16:7-15. Holy Spirit.
 - 3. "the water" = Rom. 6:3-4. Baptism.
 - 4. "the blood" = Luke 22:19-20 Lord's Supper.
 - 5. "these three agree in one."
 - a. agree = to be, with.
 - b. three = three.

III . THE POWER OF A WITNESS. VS. 9

- A. Every judicial system accepts the concept of the witness. 9a
 - 1. The most primitive.
 - 2. The most sophisticated.
 - 3. The Jewish nation. John 8:15-17
 - 4. The church. Matt. 18:15-17
- B. The witness of God is greater. 9b
 - 1. The trinity in heaven.
 - 2. The triune witness on earth.
- C. God has testified of His Son. 9c
 - 1. "for God's witness is that he has testified of His Son."
 - 2. God has unveiled Himself in Jesus.
- D. The believer has accepted God's witness.
 - 1. vs. 10a
 - 2. Rom. 8:14-17.
- E. The unbeliever rejects God's record. 10b
 - 1. "hath made Him a liar."
 - 2. "He believeth not the record that God gave of His Son."

IV. THE TESTIMONY OF GOD. VS. 11, 12

- A. "And this is the record."
 - 1. This is God's witness.
 - 2. This is God's testimony.

- B. The two facts of God's testimony.
 - 1. "God hath given to us eternal life."
 - 2. "this life is in His Son."

- C. God's Son and eternal life. vs. 12
 - 1. "He that hath the Son hath life."
 - 2. "He that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

