

## Message #21

## I John 5:6-12

There is something that is stressed over and over again in this epistle—you must believe certain things about Jesus Christ. This idea starts in the opening verses 1:1-3 and is reiterated time and time again (2:22-23; 4:2-3, 15; 5:1, 5). Why is it so important that we believe certain things about Jesus Christ? **Because God the Father demands this if we are to have fellowship with Him!**

**GOD THE FATHER DEMANDS THAT WE BELIEVE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS CHRIST IF WE ARE TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM AND IF WE ARE TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM.**

Now this is the final section in the book which deals with Christology. In **verse 6** the demonstrative pronoun “this” refers to verse five which says Jesus is the Son of God.

**TRUTH #1** – In order to have fellowship with God, we must believe that Jesus Christ came by water and blood. **5:6-8**

The preposition “by” is crucial to understanding this difficult concept. It is the preposition “dia” used with a genitive case noun. Usually this means “through,” Jesus Christ came “through” water and blood. Sometimes in composition it means “by means of” (Dana & Mantey). This little preposition describes the circumstances in which Christ came to this world.

**Circumstance #1** - Jesus Christ came by the circumstance of water. **5:6a**

- 1) It may refer to the physical process by which He was physically born.
- 2) It may refer to the physical process by which He was baptized.

The water baptism of Jesus Christ was that which initiated His public ministry (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11). Cerinthus taught that the Divine Christ descended on the man Jesus at His baptism, but left Him before His crucifixion.

The Son of God was physically born into this world and this was publically demonstrated at His baptism, which produced a voice from heaven.

**Circumstance #2** - Jesus Christ came by the circumstance of blood.

Jesus Christ came into this world to shed His blood so that we could be saved. The blood of Christ is “the” essential element to our relationship with God. Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.

Now **verse 7** is important for us to see. The One who produces this grasp of who Jesus Christ is and why Jesus Christ came is the Spirit of God. In other words, when a person is really right with God, the Holy Spirit will bear witness of truth pertaining to Jesus Christ.

There are three tangible realities concerning the truth about Jesus Christ: 1) The Spirit; 2) The water; 3) The blood. Each of these realities is a critical, tangible statement of who Jesus Christ is. In the Jewish world, two or three witnesses were necessary to confirm fact. There are three historical realities that testify of the fact that Jesus Christ is totally unique as the Son of God:

- 1) The testimony of the Holy Spirit. John 1:32-34
- 2) The testimony of the water. Matt. 3:17, which included a voice right out of heaven.
- 3) The testimony of the blood. This speaks that He was a real person who really and truly died.

The present tense participle “bear witness” indicates that this testimony is continual.

**TRUTH #2** – In order to have fellowship with God, we must have the witness of God in us that life is through Him. **5:9-12**

There is a very real internalization of the Holy Spirit pertaining to Jesus Christ for what one believes.

**Verse 9** says if we receive the witness of men, we certainly ought to be able to receive God’s witness concerning His Son.

That is precisely what God is saying here—if you look at My evidence, you must conclude and believe that Jesus Christ is the unique God/man; and the one who does believe (**v. 10**) has the Holy Spirit within him, Who continues to testify of Who Christ really is.

Now carefully notice what **verse 10** says—one who does not believe that Jesus Christ is the only God/man, has made God a liar because he does not believe the facts which God has revealed.

You only have God’s eternal life through believing on Jesus Christ. That is the point. You see, the only way to have a relationship with God, the only way to have fellowship with God is through Jesus Christ. Without Him there is no relationship with God.