

## 1 John 5: 1 - 12

Everyone who **believes** that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God.. by loving God and carrying out his commands.

This is love for God.. to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our **faith**. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

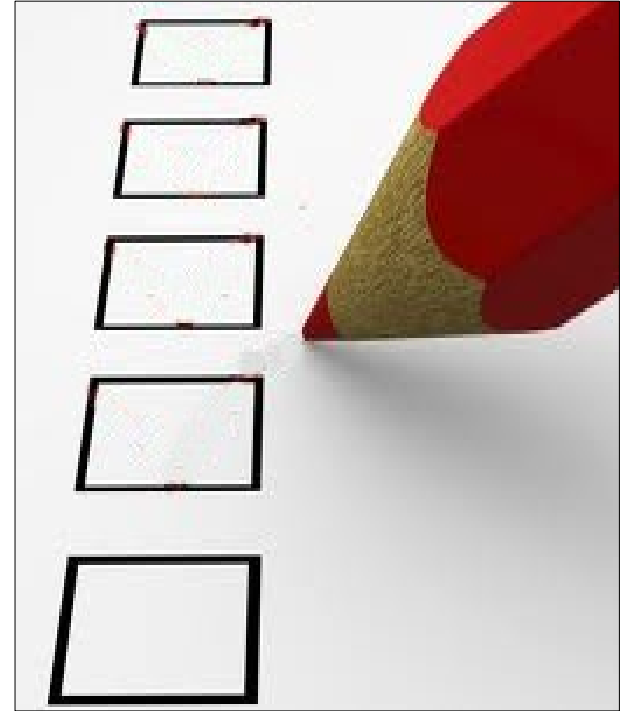
For there are three that testify.. the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Anyone who **believes** in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not **believe** God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not **believed** the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony.. God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.



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# The Big Test

Born of God ?



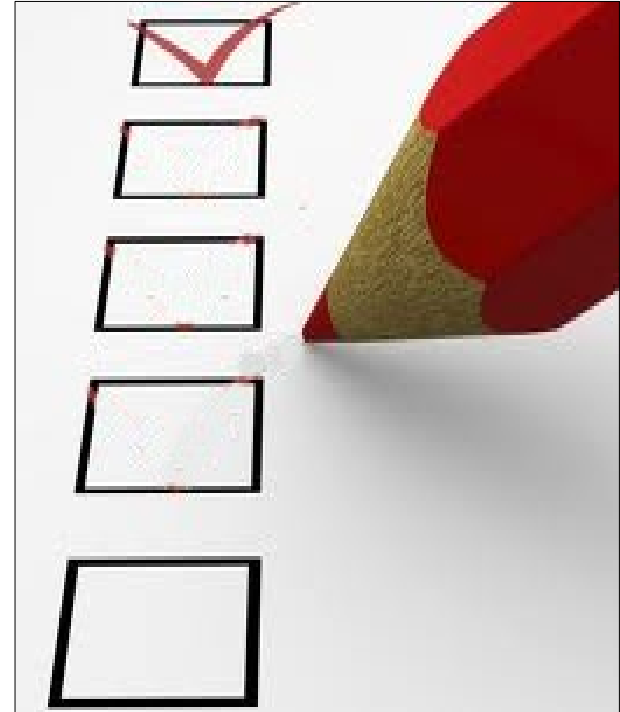
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## Born of God

### 1. Do I Believe Jesus is the Messiah?

Here is one of the essential truths to show us HOW to be born again.  
It's personal.



and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

# The Big Test

## Born of God

1. Do I Believe Jesus is the Messiah?
2. Do I love the Father's children?

It's about family membership and affection.  
God has a BIG family of all sorts of people.



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# The Big Test

## Born of God

1. Do I Believe Jesus is the Messiah?
2. Do I love the Father's children?
3. Do I keep his commands ?



We recognise them as God's children and love them.

Also our love for them grows as our love for our Father grows

This is love for God.. to obey his commands.  
And his commands are not burdensome,

## Why not burdensome?

When we realise God knows best

He gives grace and power to live according to His perfect will.

"Take MY YOKE" Matthew 11:29

In contrast the burdens that empty religion puts on people!

For love's sake: Just as the seven years of Jacob's service for Laban *seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for Rachel* (Genesis 29:18), so obeying God's commands does not seem a burden when we really love Him.

Whose yoke are you wearing?



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# The Big Test

## Born of God

1. Do I Believe Jesus is the Messiah?
2. Do I love the Father's children?
3. Do I keep his commands ?
4. Am I an 'overcomer' ?



Victory is assured



This is the victory that **has** overcome the world, even our faith.

A living faith is the means of victory because it links us to God's protective power from danger and to his power to defeat the schemes of our enemies.

Faith is such a precious gift that should operate throughout our Christian lives  
– not just at the start.



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Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Just to make it clear

It is faith (trust, dependence) in the one and only Saviour  
Jesus – the Son of God

Overcomers have a special place in the world to come.  
Jesus promised:-

*To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne,  
as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne  
(Revelation 3:21).*

This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ.



Jesus' came physically into this world to (1) identify with his people and to (2) die for them

He did not come by water only, but by water and blood.  
And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

He didn't come just to reveal God,  
but he came to save us.

The Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth bears  
witness to Jesus  
through the scriptures,  
in our hearts  
and by signs and wonders done in  
Jesus' name.



## A 'missing' verse : 1 John 5:7

*For there are three that bear record in heaven ....*

If there is one thing that is certain in textual criticism, it is that this famous verse is not genuine. External and internal evidence are alike overwhelmingly against the verse. There are three facts, which every one should know, and which alone are enough to show that the words are an interpolation.

- (1) Verse 7 is not found in a single Greek MS. earlier than the fourteenth century.
- (2) Not one of the Greek or Latin Fathers who conducted the controversies about the doctrine of the Trinity in the third, fourth, and first half of the fifth centuries ever quotes these words.
- (3) The words occur first towards the end of the fifth century in Latin, and are found in no other language until the fourteenth century.

# The Evidence that Jesus is the Messiah.

## The three witnesses' united testimony

*Deuteronomy 19:15 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established'.*

We have proof that Jesus is the anointed Saviour (Messiah)

“A priest was always ordained by sacrificial blood, cleansing water, and oil that spoke of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. So Jesus also had these three witnesses to His priestly ministry.”  
(Spurgeon)

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and the three are in agreement.

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Why the change of order?

Prophetic testimony ?

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1. The Spirit



2. The water



Next came his public appearance at his baptism



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3. The blood



We see the proof of his perfect blood sacrifice by his resurrection

We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son.

## The testimony of God

John has given us God's testimony about His Son  
It is God's definitive word on the subject.



Anyone who believes ON the Son of God has this testimony in his heart.

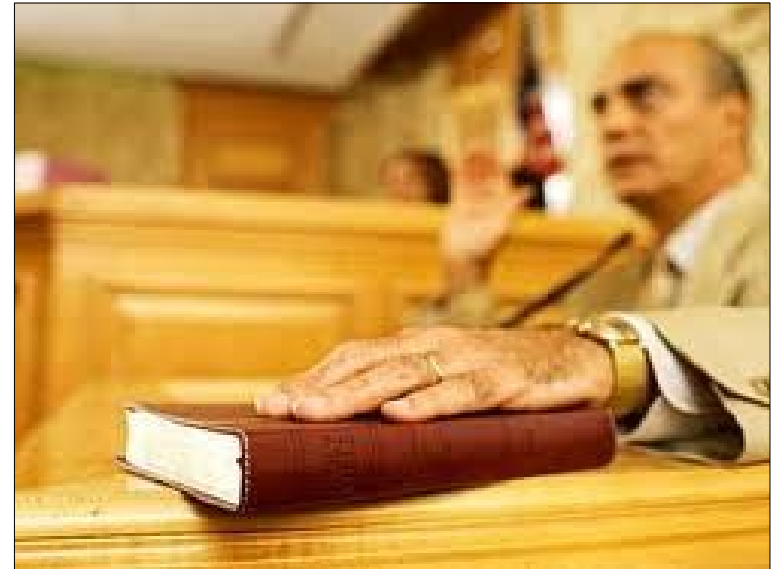
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## The testimony of God and My Testimony

**Do I believe this 'in my heart' ?**

WE have the personal revelation by the Holy Spirit.

This belief is God-given  
– not a natural thought.



Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

**(or am I calling God a liar?)**

It is this serious! To reject what God has clearly made known is effectively accusing God of not telling us the truth.

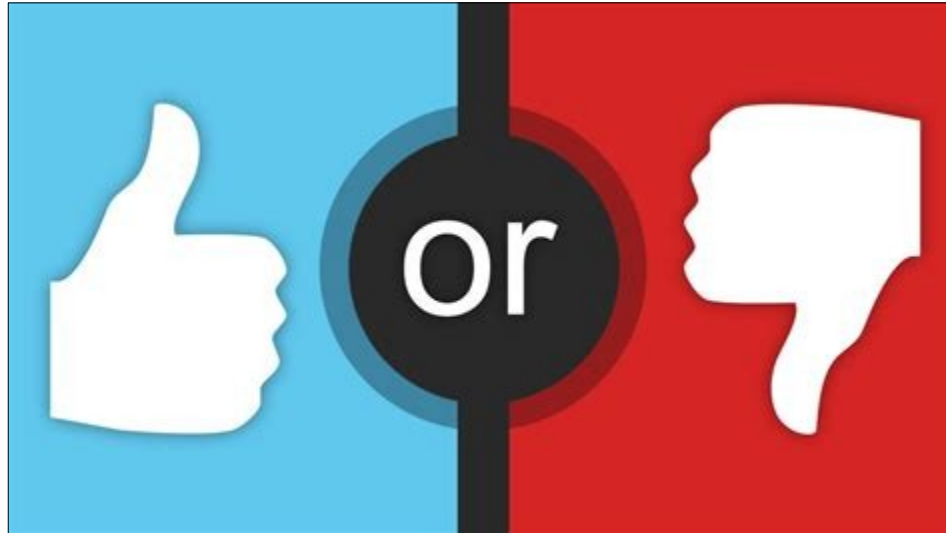
A very foolish and dangerous thing to do.



He who has the Son has life;  
he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

It's not simply knowing about Jesus, but  
'possessing' him! He lives in each believer!

There is no middle ground – Jesus is either there  
or he isn't. And if he isn't, we are spiritually DEAD.



And this is the testimony..  
God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

God's precious gift comes to us IN his Son



# The Road To Eternal Life





**This is it !**

**V 11**

**1. God has given us eternal life.**



# This is it !

V 11

1. God has given us eternal life.
2. His Son is the life of God within us.  
( No Jesus - No life)