

“At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.” (Deuteronomy 17:6)

“But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.” (Matthew 18:16)

Quote: “Millions of people embrace the teaching of false religions, some of which have been around for a long time. Others find pleasure in filling their minds with human philosophy and are careless of the fact that human reasoning cannot provide the answers to life’s ultimate questions—Why am I here? Where did I come from? If there is a God, why is He silent? Why is there so much injustice and wickedness in the world? What happens to us when we die?” “It is against this background of our receiving the witness of humans that John introduces his telling argument: ‘The witness of God is greater.’ The Word of God must take precedence over the word of people – because people make mistakes; they are finite and are often wrong. God is omniscient and makes no mistakes.”

—**John Phillips**

GOD’S WITNESS IS ABSOLUTE

“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” (Numbers 23:19)

“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;” (Titus 1:2)

“That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;” (Hebrews 6:18–19)

“But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. 37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.” (John 5:36–37)

“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)

B. We Have a _____ Witness (v. 10a)

BECAUSE WE HAVE BELIEVED

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” (John 14:16-17)

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Romans 8:9)

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” (Romans 8:15-16)

BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT REJECTED

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” (Ephesians 6:17)

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

Quote: “The way God puts it is not feeling, faith, and then facts. No, God’s order is facts, faith, then feelings. You are not saved because you feel good. You are not saved because you feel saved. You must come to God God’s way. You have to come to God on his basis.”—**Jerry Vines**

2. A RECORDED _____ (v. 11)

A. Record of _____ Life (v. 11a)

IN SCRIPTURE

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” (John 5:39)

“...shall not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16b)

“Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.” (John 6:68)

FROM OUR SAVIOR

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” (1 Timothy 1:15)

“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” (John 10:28)

B. Record of a _____ Gift (v. 11b)

THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:” (Ephesians 2:8)

THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

Quote: “The Scriptures show us our Lord and Savior—Jesus Christ, this focus will remove our doubts and fears.”

3. A REDEMPTIVE _____ (v. 12–13)

A. Knowing _____ (v. 12)

HE MUST BE RECEIVED

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:” (John 1:12)

“Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Peter 1:5)

HE MUST NOT BE REJECTED

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” (John 3:36)

B. Knowing _____ (v. 13)

ASSURANCE IN THE RELATIONSHIP

ASSURANCE IN HIS WORD

“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” (2 Timothy 1:12)



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