



First Epistle of John (Lesson # 35)

1 John 5:6-8 – The Testimony of the Spirit pt 1

1st John has 5 chapters

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1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. [believe on Him Who God sent, & Love as He Loves]

⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world -- our faith. [“the faith of us”]

⁵And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? [Jesus, God’s Son is the One we trust]

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood.

⁷And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

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6 Οὗτός [pro dem nom masc sing οὗτος] **This one**
ἐστίν [v ind pres act 3p sing εἰμί] **He is being** **Emphasis on God's reality**
ὁ [def art nom masc sing ὁ] **the one who**
ἐλθὼν [part aor act nom masc sing ἔρχομαι] **came**, arrived, appeared

Note: the focus is on Him who came, not our faith, God's wants us to see Him and trust Him, He is our focus in the previous verse 4

He is the expression of God's reality or truth. He is Who we trust in "the faith" of us.

δι' [prep gen διά] **through** with gen(as used here)or **by way of**, with acc means when
Note: How He came, by the two ways of God, 1st He was "sealed" & then "sacrificed"

ὑδατος [n gen neut sing ὕδωρ] **water** used in **baptism** [Matt 3:11](#), or **cleansing** water giving **life** [Jn 4:10-14](#) **In "Type" He died & rose from death to Heaven opened for man**

καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even

αἵματος, [n gen neut sing αἷμα] **blood**, of Christ [Rom 3:25](#); [Col 1:20](#); [1 Pt 1:19](#),

His real Divine Life-blood was poured out to pay fully the penalty of sin

Ἰησοῦς χριστός·[n nom masc sing proper Ἰησοῦς Χριστός] **Jesus Christ**

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This one, He is being the one who came through water and blood, is Jesus Christ;



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⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; **not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood.**

⁶ οὐκ [adv negation οὐ] no, **not**

ἐν [prep ἐν] locative **in**, within, instrumental by, through, with, because of

τῷ ὕδατι [art+n dat neut sing ὕδωρ] **the water**

μόνον, [adv μόνος] alone, **only**, by oneself

ἀλλ' [conj ἀλλά] **but**, strong contrast

ἐν [prep ἐν] locative **in**, within, instrumental by, through, with, because of

τῷ ὕδατι [art+n dat neut sing ὕδωρ] **the water**

In type He died and rose from death to have Heaven opened to “seal” this man as approved by God to be the perfect sin offering Ex 12:3,5-6, Mt 3:16-17 Jn 1:29-36

καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even

τῷ αἵματι. [art+n dat neut sing αἷμα] **the blood** Eph 1:7; Heb 9:12; Heb 10:11-12; Rev 1:5

In reality His Divine blood was poured out to pay fully the penalty of sin

AND His death and resurrection has torn in two the veil between man and God, so man may now have intimate family relationship with God in His Holiest place,

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not in the water only but in the water and the blood.

Mt 27:51; Mk 15:38; Lk 23:45; Heb 10:19-22

Col 1:19-20; Eph 2:12-13

1 Cor 6:19-20



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*7 And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

Καὶ [conj, καί] and, **also**, even

τὸ πνεῦμά [art+n nom neut sing πνεῦμα] **the Spirit** the specific, in this case God

ἐστίν [v ind pres act 3p sing εἰμί] it **is being** indicative mood of reality

τὸ μαρτυροῦν, [art+part pres act nom neut sing μαρτυρέω] the **one witnessing**

ὅτι [conj ὅτι] that, **because**, for, but

τὸ πνεῦμά [art+n nom neut sing πνεῦμα] **the Spirit** double noun use for strong focus

ἐστίν [v ind pres act 3p sing εἰμί] it **is**

ἡ ἀλήθεια [art+n nom fem sing ἀλήθεια] **the truth**, the absolute reality,

Note: here we have God telling us, God the Spirit is absolute reality, total truth

Two times God uses definite article here to specify, the one and only divine

Spirit and the one and only divine reality.

And here we are told the Spirit's ministry, He is witnessing about God the Son

being Who He(the Son) is.

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Also, the Spirit is being one witnessing because the Spirit is the truth, (reality)



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***8 For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement**

8 Ὅτι [conj ὅτι] that, because, **for**, but τρεῖς [adj cardinal nom masc pl τρεῖς] **three** εἰσὶν [v ind pres act 3p pl εἰμί] **are being** existing οἱ μαρτυροῦντες, [art+part pres act nom masc pl μαρτυρέω] **the ones witnessing** τὸ πνεῦμα, [art+n nom neut sing πνεῦμα] **the Spirit** - the specific one, God the Spirit καὶ [conj, καί] **and** τὸ ὕδωρ, [art+n nom neut sing ὕδωρ] **the water** - the specific one καὶ [conj, καί] **and** τὸ αἷμα·[art+n nom neut sing αἷμα] **the blood** - the specific one καὶ [conj, καί] and, also, even, **indeed**

οἱ τρεῖς [art+adj cardinal nom masc pl τρεῖς] **these three** - these specific ones εἰς [prep with acc εἰς] into, **toward**, to, literally the idea is “**are focused toward**” τὸ ἓν [art+adj cardinal acc neut sing εἷς] **the one thing**,

Note: God is united about one thing, that “the faith” about God the Son is reality εἰσιν.[v ind pres act 3p pl εἰμί] they are being – indicative mood of reality

Note: God is now satisfied that He the Son is perfectly expressing Divine Love

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For three are being the ones witnessing, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood , indeed these three toward the one thing they are being.



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**** 6** This one, He is being the one who came through water and blood, *is* Jesus Christ; not in the water only but in the water and the blood. **7** Also, the Spirit is being one witnessing because the Spirit is the truth, (reality) **8** For three are being the ones witnessing, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood, indeed these three toward the one thing they are being.

***** 6** This is the One who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ; not in the sphere of the water only, but in the sphere of the water and the blood. **7** And the Spirit is the One who is constantly bearing witness, because the Spirit is the truth. **8** Because three there are that are constantly bearing testimony, the Spirit and the water and the blood. And the three concur in the one thing.



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A bit of textual info, out of hundreds of texts, a few include bad marginal notes.

Why did the copyists do this?

To combat a heresy that questioned the validity of the “Trinity” of God

What was included?

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. (KJV)

How has it been determined to be not in the original texts?

“... the Latin Vulgate gives the words in the Textus Receptus, found in no Greek MS. save two late cursives (162 in the Vatican Library of the fifteenth century, [and] 34 of the sixteenth century in Trinity College, Dublin). Jerome did not have it. Cyprian applies the language of the Trinity and Priscillian has it. Erasmus did not have it in his first edition, but rashly offered to insert it if a single Greek MS. had it, and 34 was produced with the insertion, as if made to order. ... The fact and the doctrine of the Trinity do not depend on this spurious addition. Some Latin scribe caught up Cyprian's exegesis and wrote it on the margin of his text, and so it got into the Vulgate and finally into the Textus Receptus by the stupidity of Erasmus.” -- **Roberson's Word Pictures**



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Some detailed observations from 1 John 5:6, 5:7, 5:8

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- **Verse 6** focuses on the body of truth about the unique Son of God, who is the one we trust, mentioned by the last phrase, “the faith of us” in verse 4.
- This one unique man God announced, as He came up out of the water, to be “sealed” by God as the perfect life-blood offering of God for man’s sin.
- This one unique man’s baptism pictures that His offering opened Heaven for man so God’s Spirit could reveal and empower His ministry to & through man.
- This one unique man’s identity is Jesus (Savior) Christ (the promised One).
- This one unique man is more than a picture, He has become the real life-blood offering of God, He personally has paid the penalty for man’s sin.
- This one unique man has removed all barriers between God and man, so man can now be new in kind creations by God, forever united as one unit, of like Christ beings, who, now & forever, do express His perfectly harmonious life.



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- **Verse 7** also focuses on the body of truth about the unique Son of God, who is the one we trust, mentioned by the last phrase, “the faith of us” in verse 4.
- In addition to this one unique man, being announced, approved, and given as the perfect solution to man’s hopeless condition, God the Holy Spirit is now revealing to man, the things that are true or real about this one unique man.
- This verse reveals that this is the one specific Spirit, who is not just the revealer of truth/reality, but Who is in His being, perfectly honest.
- This perfectly honest One, God the Spirit, is continually now revealing the true things of the perfect unique man, so “the faith of us” is His reality.
- The order is parallel to the real events of God’s program, the baptism showing from an opened Heaven, Him approved as God’s perfect blood offering, the actual blood poured out satisfying God’s offense over sin, and finally the Holy Spirit indwelling the new in kind believers who enjoy and show His life.



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- **Verse 8** also focuses on the body of truth about the unique Son of God, who is the one we trust, mentioned by the last phrase, “the faith of us” in verse 4.
- God has given three Divine reality testifiers,
 1. God’s current personal testimony by His Holy Spirit about this unique man
 2. God’s personal testimony of opening Heaven to reveal the Holy Spirit upon His Son, and audibly “sealing” His Son as perfect for sacrifice at His baptism
 3. God’s personal testimony of actually giving His unique Son’s life blood the perfect and complete payment for the offense of man’s sin at His crucifixion.
- These three testimonies each focus on the reality of God’s one unique man
- This Divine harmony is the basis for the following text that talks about how much greater in trustworthiness God’s personal testimony is when compared to the way we accept as true the testimony of men about what is reality.



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Some overview observations from 1 John chapters 1-5

- **1 John (all of it) presents God’s children as His new family in harmony & joy**
- **1 John 2 presents the truth that God is Light**
- **1 John 3 presents the truth that God is Love**
- **1 John 4 presents the truth about The Spirit of Truth vs The spirit of error**
- **1 John 5 presents the truth that now God is sharing His Life by His man**

I believe God gave John a lot to reveal about “the Word” of God, and the foundation of that message of His Love, is the revealing Light of His Life.

Perhaps there will be a bit of time later to review with you some aspects of His perfect Life

It certainly will take an eternity of time to begin to see and understand, as we live face to face with Him, the infinite aspects of His Glorious Life, that we now have.



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Summary observations from 1 John 5:6-8

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When? The time of this text is human history while God is forming His Church.

Where? The place of this text is the earth, the chaotic organized by man world.

Who? Jesus Christ, God's Son and God's perfect human expression of Himself, is "the faith of us" in v4, His unique Son is the focus of God's three testimonies here.

What? God's Divine Life, is the Light that shows His Love to and through each believing member of His "called out of the world" family, His Church.

How? By God's personal three-fold testimony all focused on His unique Son.

Why? So God could give His personal testimony about the reality of His Life now shared by His Love & expressed by His unique Son to & through His Church family.

We have already learned in previous verses that:

Those who believe God and trust His unique Son's work for their own salvation, have been re-born into God's family, & now, His Life is shown to & through them.

Remember this from these verses:

God's testimony is all focused and satisfied by one object, His unique Son

May we all let God make our focus, trust & satisfaction be only, His unique Son!