

## 1 John 5:5-12

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**MAIN IDEA: Eternal life *only* comes through the *full* acceptance of God's testimony concerning Jesus Christ.**

### 1. The Testimony of God Concerning Christ (5:6-9)

a. The Water

b. The Blood

c. The Spirit

### 2. The Testimony of God Concerning Us ( 5:10-12)

## Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. John has just told his readers that if they believe that Jesus is the Son of God they have overcome the world (1 John 5:5). Immediately, John pivots to the testimony of the Father concerning the Son. What significance is there to these two things being placed in sequence? How does our embrace of God's testimony of Christ reinforce John's teaching that those who believe have overcome the world?

2. This is a theological text with many pitfalls for wrong interpretation. Go back and read the water, blood, and Spirit accounts (John 1:29-34; John 19:16-42; Acts 1:15; 2 Peter 1:21). How does God's trifold testimony reveal the true identity of Jesus to us?

3. John makes a bold claim in verse 10—"Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made [God] a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son." In today's church culture of doctrinal minimization and ecumenism (bringing all denominations together), what must be believed about Jesus as to not make God a liar?

4. Does this passage challenge or reinforce what you have believed about Jesus? If challenged, what call to action is there on your life in order to obey what John is teaching here?