

# ***“Tests and Testimonies”***

1 John 5:6-12

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**Intro:**       **VIDEO** -       *“Totally His?”*

**T/S:**           1<sup>st</sup> John paints a powerful portrait of those  
                    who are *“totally His”*

***Odd...***           Koinonia           1<sup>st</sup> vertical, then horizontal

Defined: Koinonia is the expressed, lived-out, supernatural love that indwells every biblical believer... Moreover, it is Koinonia that validates BOTH the Christian’s salvation and the Church’s invitation.

In short, true followers of Christ share an odd, supernatural unity in the faith.

NOTE:           “...on these TWO hang ALL of the Law & the prophets...”

***Obvious...***    Koinonia           1<sup>st</sup> vertical, then horizontal

***Obsessed...*** Koinonia           1<sup>st</sup> vertical, then horizontal

***Overcoming...*** Koinonia       1<sup>st</sup> vertical, then horizontal

**T/S:** Let's go back to where we left off last week... **5:1-5**

*Everyone who believes that **Jesus is the Christ** is born of God... **3** In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, **4** for everyone born of God overcomes the world... **5** Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that **Jesus is the Son of God**.*

\*\*\***5:1**... Jesus is the Christ = "obsessed in His love"

\*\*\***5:5**... Jesus is the Son of God = "overcomers Satan's world"

**Nik-a-O** = Overcoming

**Huper-Nik-a-O** = Overwhelming Overcoming!

Nik-a-O comes from Nike (goddess of victory)

NOTE: it was **scandalous** for the Christians to claim to have god-like invincibility

**T/S:** as we move forward (5:6-12) God's Word is clear...

**Big Idea:** God & His people testify to the Truth  
(no matter what!)

**Preview: T.E.S.T.**

A. v.6-8 = **T** = **Truth**

B. v.9 = **E** = **Eternal**

C. v.10 = **S** = **Sure of the Son**

D. v.11-12 = **T** = **This Testimony!**

v.6-8 = **T** = **Truth**

*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. **7** For there are three that testify: **8** the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.*

1. Truth = "This is the One... Jesus Christ"

2. Testimony = **Water, Blood, Spirit**

a. **WATER:** Matthew 3:16-17:

*16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he/John saw the **Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him/Jesus**, 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This (Jesus) is My beloved Son, in whom I (God the Father) am well-pleased."*

b. **BLOOD:** (Purpose, People, Promise)

1. Purpose: 2 Cor. 5:17-21

*17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has*

*committed to us the word of reconciliation*  
**20** *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

## **2. People:**

Church-goers            the **“Crowd”** (*fickle*)

Church-leaders        the **Counterfeits**

Simon                    the **Cross-carrier**

John                     the **Care-giver**

First Thief             the **Callous**

Second Thief         the **new Christian**

Roman Centurion     the **now Convinced**

## **3. Promise:    “It is finished!” (AMEN!)**

## v.9 = **E** = **Eternal**

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

Man vs. God

### Testimony (3X)

See the Trinity:

- a. God's testimony
- b. God's testimony given by His Spirit
- c. God's testimony given by His Spirit of His Son.

## v.10 = **S** = **Sure of the Son**

**10** *Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. **Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar**, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.*

\*\*\* Anyone who denies the full gospel testimony is "lost" (evidenced by their lives calling God a liar)

- a. You are a sinner in need of a Savior
- b. You must repent biblically
- c. You must receive Christ:
  - by grace alone
  - thru faith alone
- d. **Jesus is Lord** (2 Great C's)
- e. M M M

**MISSION = Example of a *“Living Testimony”***

- ie. Living Thanksgiving

**VIDEO:** Lottie Moon *“Difference Makers”*

i.e **Joe Quinn: Chaplaincy Cadet**

*Today was the first day Joe came and sat with Jack (senior in whom dementia is onset). You don't know what a blessing it was to be able to go out with my daughter and not have to worry and hurry home because I was afraid Jack might fall or leave the doors open. I only have 2 things left on my list to do before Christmas. When I came back I found that even my dog likes Joe... for she was curled up in his lap.*

*Thank you so much  
Mary Jo Connell*

**v.11-12 = T = This Testimony!**

**11** And ***this is the testimony***: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

A. **"This is THE testimony..."** 2 Cor. 5:17-21



A. **"in Him"** = exclusivity of gospel (John 14:6)

a. Present tense!

b. Grace is gift vs. gratitude! (Eph. 2:8-9)

1. Whoever does... does... Whoever won't... don't

2. Look at contrast:

**a. John 9 blind man...**

- Religious, rule-keepers, phonies, & fearful
- Physical, miraculous encounter...
- Follow up, spiritual transformation.

**b. Damacus Rd. vs. Straight St.**

**c. 10 lepers...**

- 10 cleansed
- 1 cured!

**d. 2 thieves...**

- One died without/not-in Christ...
- One died with/in Christ...

\*\*\* Don't underestimate the power of your witness

witness = testimony = martyr = ministry

- Close:**
- T. Truth:** John 14:6
  - E. Eternal perspective:** Jn. 14:6
  - S. Sure of the Son:** John 14:6
  - T. This is the Testimony:** Jn. 14:6

NO MATTER WHAT!!!

**VIDEO:** *“40 Brave Soldiers for Christ”*

Let's Pray