

Sermon Outline  
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The Case of Belief  
1 John 5:6-12  
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*This is he who came by water **and blood**—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water **and the blood**.*  
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a. Water  
b. Blood  
c. The Holy Spirit  
*And **the Spirit** is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.*  
1 John 5:6

"Only through the Spirit have the wounds of Jesus an intelligible voice and utterance to convince and move the soul."  
Robert Candlish

*For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three **agree**.*  
1 John 5:7-8

*If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God **is greater**, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.*  
1 John 5:9

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2. The witness' testimony  
3. The verdict

*Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony **in himself**.*  
1 John 5:10

*Whoever does not believe God **has made him a liar**, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.*  
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*And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life;*

*whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

1 John 5:11-12

*For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.*

Romans 14:7-9