

# sermon notes

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1) Who testifies concerning the Son (5:6–8)?

a. The \_\_\_\_\_

b. The \_\_\_\_\_

c. The \_\_\_\_\_

2) What happens to those who reject this Testimony (5:9-10)?

They make \_\_\_\_\_ out to be a \_\_\_\_\_

3) What happens to those who receive this Testimony (5:11-12)?

They receive \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

1. What does John mean when he says that Jesus "came by water and blood" (5:6)? How does water "testify" that Jesus is the Christ? How does blood "testify" that Jesus is the Christ? How does the Spirit "testify" that Jesus is the Christ?
2. Why is it significant that there are three witnesses testifying in agreement in this passage? What other passages require three witnesses for a testimony?
3. Can you believe in God and submit to him without believing that Jesus is the Son of God? Why or why not? Name some individuals (or religious groups) that believe in God but reject God's Son. What about those who believe that Jesus is God's Son but that he's not fully God like God the Father? What does the Bible say is the eternal destiny of these individuals?
4. Is there any eternal life apart from Jesus? How do you know? Do you have eternal life? How do you know? According to John, how does one receive eternal life?
5. Interact with the following quote from John Stott, "Unbelief is not a misfortune to be pitied; it is a sin to be deplored. Its sinfulness lies in the fact that it contradicts the word of the one true God and thus attributes falsehood to him." Do you see unbelief as a sin? How does unbelief attribute falsehood to God?

**Advanced Question:** How would you respond to someone who said that Jesus was a good man, but he wasn't God? How would you respond to someone who said Jesus couldn't be God, because Jesus died on the cross and God cannot die?