

What's Love Got To Do With It? - pt. 5



Attesting

"This is he who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 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 5:6-9

I. The three-fold testimony of God:

The Witness of the **WATER**

"And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." Mark 1:11

John the Baptist: "I have seen and borne witness that this is the Son of God."
John 1:34

The Witness of the **BLOOD**

"For as yet the Spirit had not been given because Jesus was not yet glorified... Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you...' When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, 'It is finished,' and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." John 7:39, 17:1, 19:30

Reasons why humanity of Christ matters:

The Witness of the **SPIRIT**

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you... But when the Helper comes, whom I will send from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me..." John 16:7, 15:26

II. The Testimony **WITHIN**

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

"Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."
John 20:25

"If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has born concerning his Son... 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." 1 John 9, 10b

III. The Testimony of **ETERNAL LIFE**

"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

"I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly."
John 10:10 ESV

"... in all its fullness." GNT

"... to the full." NIV

"... more and better life than they ever dreamed of."
The Message