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Youth E.D.G.E. Sunday School

Back to the Basics: A Study of I John - Part XVI

The Testimony of the Son of God

I John 5:6-12

I. You Must Believe in the Testimony of Jesus, because it is Established by God (v. 9)

There could be no more compelling reason than this! The testimony of the Son of God is established by God Himself. How does God establish this testimony?

A. God's testimony is verifiable (vv. 6-8).

These are three of the trickiest verses in all of I John. When interpreted correctly, however, they serve to effectively solidify the testimony of Jesus.

1. It is verified through Jesus' earthly ministry: The Water
2. It is verified through Jesus' sacrificial death: The Blood
3. It is verified by the Holy Spirit: The Spirit

These three are combined & unified, forming an unbreakable unity that testifies to who Jesus is.

B. God's testimony is greater (v. 9).

If we accept the testimony of one man, how much greater is God's three-fold testimony?

II. You Must Believe in the Testimony of Jesus, because it is Offered to Man.

The testimony of Jesus is not passive. It does not just sit there. You must act upon it. There are two options that present themselves.

A. The testimony of Jesus can be accepted.

1. It is accepted by faith (v. 10).

Faith is a gift of God to the believer. It must always accompany acceptance.

2. It leads to eternal life (v. 11).

Eternal life is found in the testimony of Jesus Christ and nowhere else.

B. The testimony of Jesus can be rejected.

The active testimony of Jesus can be rejected, but not without great cost.

1. Rejection makes God a liar (v. 10).

John is trying to show his audience the serious ramifications of rejecting who Jesus is. Rejecting Jesus is akin to calling God a liar.

2. Rejection leads to eternal death (v. 12).