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1 John 5:6-10
TRIBE·20
= a close-knit community with shared identity

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1 John 5:10

INTRODUCTION
A DEMONSTRATIVE TRACE **5:6-10**

- what do you know for certain? before you answer the question, really stop and think about it…

WHAT DO YOU REALLY KNOW

Proverbs 18:13
He that answereth a matter before he heareth it,
it is folly and shame unto him.

- consider this: everything we believe is based upon what others have told us

1 John 5:9
If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

- John was almost 100 years old when he wrote this epistle...he was well-versed in human behavior

KNOW **39x** in this letter...**8x** in this chapter

- in **verses 1, 5** John told us our victory in life was based upon believing and knowing Jesus is the Christ

it is not the **AMOUNT** of faith we have

it is the **OBJECT** of our faith that saves us

believing in a person doesn't change them, just as believing in an object won't make it function

- this morning, John provides us with the evidence needed to believe in Jesus and have victory

1. THE PROMISE verse 6

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

it is the **SPIRIT** that testifies here...His purpose in the world today is to bear witness:

to the SAVIOR

John 15:26
But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me…

to the SAINT

Romans 8:16
The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

NOTE: in John's day (Cerinthus), just as our own, many deny the deity of Jesus Christ...He might be a good teacher, they reason, but He is not God...compare Colossians 1:15-19

NOTE: the next several verses are unusual in their wording and thus perhaps complex...understand first what they **DO NOT** teach

the *water* and the *blood* referred to here are not about the birth process...John is providing evidence of Jesus' divine nature and His birth was no ordinary birth

likewise, the water and blood are not a reference to that which flowed from Jesus side when He was crucified (John 19:34)...that was a bodily function at His death, not proof of His divinity

BY HIS LIFE

...this is He that came by water

the water points us to the Father's witness at the baptism of Jesus

☞ **Matthew 3:13-17** ...in whom I am well pleased

the baptism of Christ tells us Jesus lived a life of **OBEDIENCE**

in like manner, we are to follow the Lord in believer's baptism once we have been saved

Romans 6:4 buried with him by baptism

Acts 8:37 If thou believest with all thine heart

BY HIS DEATH

...this is He that came...by blood

the blood points us to the Father's witness at the death of Jesus on the cross

☞ **John 12:27-33**

the death of Christ on the cross tells us Jesus died a death of **EXPEDIENCE**

in keeping with the Old Testament Law, Christ took His blood to Heaven and applied it to the heavenly Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies

Hebrews 9:11-12
But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

2. THE PROOF verses 7-8

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

there is an established biblical principle that states any legal action must be validated by at least two or three witnesses

Deuteronomy 17:6 2 Corinthians 13:1

in this passage, John is following that principle by offering two witnesses to Jesus:

in Heaven (these three are one)

on earth (these three agree in one)

WITNESS IN HEAVEN verse 7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

the members of the **GODHEAD**

Jesus is The Word (John 1:1)

think about it this way:

God is the enemy of the *world*

Jesus is the enemy of *satan*

Holy Spirit is the enemy of the *flesh*

this united witness provides the strongest testimony to the work of Christ

WITNESS ON EARTH verse 8

And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

the Spirit bears witness **IN** us

Romans 8:16
The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit,
that we are the children of God:

the water bears witness **BY** us

1 Peter 3:21
The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

the blood bears witness **FOR** us

Hebrews 12:24
And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

3. THE PROFESSION verses 9-10

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THE PROFESSION OF MEN

If we receive the witness of men...

everything we know was taught to us by someone

maybe we do not have trouble accepting their testimony

- our doctor or dentist
- our teachers
- our spouse, parents, friends
- internet, news sources, books

but regardless of their viability, what use is their knowledge in light of eternity?

Ecclesiastes 12:12
And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is* no end; and much study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

2 Timothy 3:7
Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

THE PROFESSION OF GOD

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the witness of God is greater...always

Romans 3:4 Let God be true...liar

people make mistakes...they impart their own prejudices into the conversation, etc.

God is *omniscient* and *omnipotent*

1 John 3:20 ...God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

likewise, the Bible is true and has never been proven to be otherwise

John 17:17 Thy word is truth

if we choose not to believe God, John says we make (call) Him a liar

will you trust men over God?

those who are saved have the witness inside them, no need to doubt

this is that 'still, small voice'

Romans 10:6-8 the word is nigh thee…

this is not a happy, fuzzy feeling

search and know that you are saved

2 Corinthians 13:5
Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?