

Title: Proof Positive

Text: 1 John 5:1-12

Target: The testimony of what God has brought you THROUGH can be mightily used to bring someone TO the ultimate truth of Jesus.

- I. **Testimony of Salvation:** *“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been **born of God**, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been **born of him**.”* (Vs. 1)
 - A. **Mindfulness of the Need:** *“everyone who believes”*
 - B. **Meaning of the Name:** *“that Jesus is the Christ”*
 - C. **Made completely New:** *“born of God”*
- II. **Testimony of Transformation:** *“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.”* (Vs.2)
 - A. **Delight in His Word:** *“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”* (Vs. 3)
 - B. **Deliverance from the World:** *“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.”* (Vs.4a)
 1. **Overcome Sin:** *“And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”* (Vs. 4b)
 2. **Overcome Death:** *“Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”* (Vs. 5)
- III. **Testimony of Verification:** *“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.”* (Vs. 6)
 - A. **Agreement of the Testimony:** *“for there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.”* (Vs. 7-8) **Key Passage: Matthew 3:13-17**
 1. **The Witness of the Water:** The Baptism of Jesus
 2. **The Witness of the Blood:** The Cross of Jesus
 3. **The Witness of the Spirit:** The Resurrection of Jesus
 - B. **Acceptance of the Testimony:** *“Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. 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.”* (Vs. 10)
- IV. **Testimony of Confirmation:** *“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (Vs.11)*
 - A. **Eternal Life is a Gift:** *“gave us eternal life”*
 - B. **Eternal Life is a Guarantee:** *“Whoever has the Son has life, whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”* (Vs. 12)

Takeaway: *“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”* (John 17:3)