

John # 83 “A Weightier Testimony” *John 5:30-47*

**Every Church Age believer is a member of the Royal Family of God who must have the right perspective regarding the Word of God.**

Our spiritual growth requires the proper function of a qualified pastor-teacher whose primary objective is studying and teaching, then studying and teaching us biblical truth again and again.

*So, it may be a promise, a principle or a historic narrative but when it is communicated it's called biblical truth, the content of the Word of God, Bible subjects exegeted from the original languages and classified and in our case, taught in the English language.*

**In order to understand, learn, believe and apply biblical truth, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit which God provides in grace through our recovery technique in 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9.**

The congregation must have objectivity regarding the personality and public speaking ability of the pastor and the content of the pastor's message.

*The congregation must learn to concentrate in spite of these and this requires spiritual growth on the part of the congregation.*

And the congregation must have patience in hearing biblical truth they don't initially understand and for that, each person must have privacy in a public assembly of a local church and must give privacy to others.

**And thanks be to God, due to His grace, Human IQ is never a factor in understanding, learning, believing and applying biblical truth, otherwise God would be unfair.**

For this reason, Church Age believer has received all the grace help necessary for success: 1) The indwelling of the Holy Spirit; 2) A newly activated human spirit at salvation; 3) The right pastor-teacher to communicate the Word of God.

*It is the ministry of God the Holy Spirit to take what is taught and make it objective information in our mind, meaning we don't have to agree or disagree, we simply understand it.*

God has designed this grace system where we build principle on principle and that is why we must learn basic concepts 1st.

**And if we've decided to do this God's way; before long, we'll be living in a fertile environment for application: we'll be learning, thinking and solving our problems with God's grace solutions which glorify Him.**

Learning is perception and application of biblical truth; thinking is the application of processed truth to our experience and solving is understanding and using God's problem-

solving techniques.

*And our application toward God includes our worship, our personal love for Him and our occupation with His Son.*

Our application toward people is our impersonal love for all mankind; our application toward self our spiritual self-esteem and our application toward dying is applying God's dying grace and that is ending this life as well as possible!

So, what will it take to change their minds as to Who the Lord Jesus really is; evidence? miracles, signs and wonders, raising the dead or even raising Himself as He promised; will that do it?

NO! If they have all the scientific proof in the universe verifying the Gospel of Jesus Christ and if they actually saw Him live, die and come back to life, would they believe? NO!

*And the skeptic argues with you saying 'Prove to me that God exists and I'll believe it then; show me Jesus alive one moment, dead the next and then alive again in 3 days, then I'll believe.'*

My friends., if someone doesn't accept the testimony of God Himself about Himself, it doesn't really matter what they see, hear or touch or how much they can reason in their minds; these will never get them anywhere with God and yes, even if they stumble upon a resurrected formerly dead man who's come back to tell you exactly what happened, the issue isn't their experience or their ability to figure it out for themselves; the issue is the testimony of the very Word of God.

The Apostle John wants us to know beyond any shadow of a doubt, that Jesus is the Messiah and that simply by believing on Him, we have life through His Name or His authority to give it.

John, like any lawyer worth his weight in salt, is building his case with witness testimony and concrete evidence and so, to validate the claims of Jesus, John has recorded our Lord's calling of six witnesses to the witness stand in His defense.

*John wants his readers to know full well that Jesus Christ is everything He claimed to be and He did everything He claimed to do because He is the Son of the Living God Who died on the cross as the perfect Substitute for our sins.*

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world and John the Baptist was an illuminating lamp that shined for Him.

John was only a reflection who was completely dependent upon the Light of Jesus Christ to shine at all.

*It is the content of the Gospel and the doctrines related to spiritual life leading to our spiritual growth that provide us with the way to be saved, grow spiritually and solve our problems,*

*God's way with His grace solutions.*

**We could brandish all the facts of evidence regarding the Lord Jesus Christ but the ultimate truth of Christianity is its self-validating message in the Word.**