

1John 5 Verses 10 & 7 He That Believeth has Record & Witness

1Jo 5:6 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. 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 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. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

I was reading the scripture verse of a commentary of Elder Mike McInnis this week and something jumped off the page at me, so to speak. "***He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:***" I was pondering this again and when I read the chapter I noticed a connection I never thought of before.

We notice that the one that believed hath "**witness**" in himself; the one that believeth not, did it based on not believing the "**record**."

We see in verse 7 "***For there are three that bear record in heaven***" and in verse 8 "***And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood***" Let's identify these three from scripture.

We understand that "***the Spirit***" is the Holy Ghost, the Comforter that Jesus Christ promised to send to earth to take his place seen in: ***Joh 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:***

We understand "***the water, and the blood***" is representative of the accomplishment of Jesus Christ. Jesus himself told us while he was incarnate that he was the giver of the water of life: ***Joh 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.***

We find out the need of the blood from: ***Mt 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.***

Ro 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

We find also in scripture in where both these elements came from the side of Jesus on the cross: ***Joh 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.*** All that is needed for salvation and eternal life is provided by Christ.

We find the need of both for the new birth in: ***Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.***

The new birth is manifest in each saved person by "**the witness**" of "**the record**." Thus, we can discern; if we believe it is because Jesus himself hath sent the Comforter to us; the Comforter has brought into our hearts and souls the record, and through the power of the Holy Spirit we are born again. Now that we have life, eternal life at that, we can see, hear, and understand. We don't have to ask anyone if we are saved because the witness of salvation is within us already. Now can you understand what is meant in "***he that believeth not God hath made him a liar***"?

Well, why do we need all this "witness" and "record"?

- To shew forth the glory of the name of the Lord in providing a way to save sinners from eternal damnation.
- To give hope and light in the hearts of the saved, to bring glory to the name of God and Christ, as they can now live their life in demonstration of their faithfulness to the Lord.
- To be light and salt to the world at large.
- To dress and keep the Garden of Grace. We have been placed in the Garden of the Church of Salvation by Grace; having entered into the Garden; we have been granted, through the gift of God, to put on display, to the world at large, the glory of the Church of Salvation by Grace as established for us by Jesus Christ, our Saviour an Lord.

Thanks and praise to God for the "**written record**" left for us to help us understand "**the record in heaven**" and know that our salvation is secure and eternal. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

2020-09-27