

Be Sure of your Testimony

1 John 5.1-12

*familiar themes – believing, new birth,
loving God and other Christians,
obeying, overcoming, atoning blood
something new – testimony!*

1. God's Testimony to Jesus, vs6-10

our ultimate source of authority v9

- *What God says about Jesus vs1,9*
Son and King: deity, authority
- *How God has revealed it*
 - *by his Spirit: at birth Lk 1.35;*
in teaching Lk 4.18-19
in miracles Mat 12.26
 - *by water at Jesus' baptism*
Mat 3.16-17
 - *by blood at Jesus' death*
4.9-10; Rom 5.8; Phil 2.5-8

- **our response**
 - **acceptance** → **personal testimony**
 - **rejection** → **the ultimate sin**
- John 6.28-29; 3.18,35**

2. God's Gift to us, vs11-12

- **eternal life: knowing God John 17.3**
- **by being 'born of God'**
 - receiving his Holy Spirit**
- **by trusting ourselves to Jesus**
 - John 1.12-13**
- **key issue: do you have Jesus? v12**

3. God's Spirit at work, vs1-5

- **shapes our beliefs v1; Is 55.8-9;**
 - Rom 12.2; 1 Pet 2.2-3**
- **generates our love vs1-2; 4.19**
- **motivates our obedience v3**
 - John 14.15,21; Phil 2.13;**
 - Ezek 36.26-27; Mat 23.4; 11.30**
- **secures our victories vs 4-5; 2.16**