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The Witness of God

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As the years roll by, I am going to soon answer to God for my ministry. Since I have been instructed by Him to PREACH THE WORD (all of it), I wonder if my emphasis upon certain vital parts of it have been adequate. Many words in the Bible are comprehended by few people. One is LOVE. Another is FAITH. One of God's requirements, that He is to freely give us that which He has provided for us in Christ. If a person is confused on this issue, he will forfeit everything God has provided for him on the basis of faith.

God's blessing is our portion only when we are pleasing and not offensive to Him. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6

Faith must be placed upon the testimony, authority and declaration of the Bible. How wonderful to realize The Word of God communicates faith to us. How sad to see many professing Christians weak in faith with practically no testimony of God's power within their lives. The reason being they have a closed Bible in their home and in the church

they attend. Over and over they hear the plan of Salvation, but the meat of the Word that produces growth is lacking. (I wish I could get every reader to enroll in our Home Bible Study course, for in their home with an open Bible they can learn great Scriptural Truths.) "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Rom. 10:17

Christ Witness

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our WITNESS. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things? John 3:7, 8, 11, 12 "And what he hath seen and heard, that he TESTIFIETH; and no man receiveth his TESTIMONY hath set to his seal that God is true. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him." John 3:32-34

A Christian becomes a witness because he has believed Christ's witness of His Father.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be WITNESSES unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Acts 1:8 The apostles were so classified after Christ gave them special understanding of the Scriptures. "And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer: and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are WITNESSES of these things." Luke 24:46-48

Paul was informed in Damascus that he was to be a witness. "And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. For thou shalt be his WITNESS unto all men, of what thou hast seen and heard." Acts 22:14, 15 (Biblical definition of a witness.)

Biblical Definition

A witness is one who say what happened and will report it accurately. Christ witnessed the plan and purpose of His Father and was directly involved in the fulfillment of it all. We Christians declare that which we know in

experiential reality. When we believe, confidence is exercised on our part to the witness we have heard. Here is the heart of the Pentecostal message. "This Jesus hath God raised up, where of we all are WITNESSES." Acts 2:32 "And killed the Prince of life, which God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are WITNESSES." Acts 3:15 "And we are WITNESSES of those things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Acts 5:32

"And we are WITNESSES of all things which he did, both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem: whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly: Not to all the people, but unto WITNESSES chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained by God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him all the prophets WITNESS, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." Acts 10:39-43

The exercise of faith is an acceptance as true the witness given us by God concerning the testimony of His Son concerning Himself. "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. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." I John 5:10, 11 What a terrible indictment! To deliberately refuse to believe

God (All unbelievers are in this position) is to classify Him as being a liar. Remember the accusation, "believeth not the record."

We do not trust in that which satisfies us intellectually, emotionally and socially. We rest upon the testimony or witness of God as revealed in the Bible. Faith is based upon the absolute final authority of God. Faith is the persuasion of Truth based upon the testimony of facts recorded in the Scriptures. Adam and Eve listened to the voice that falsely accused God of not keeping His Word. God did keep His word as they departed from the Garden of Eden to produce a murderer.

What Do You Believe?

Are you the helpless, damned sinner God says you are in His Word? Have you repented of your sins as He has demanded? Have you believed in the finished work of Christ on the cross as having suffered in your deserved place and rose from the dead with Power to transform your life which will be evident in your conduct and obedience to the instruction of His Word (The Bible)? Are you on the way this instant to Heaven or Hell? If I were you, I would find a private place of prayer, get down on my knees and cry out to God for forgiveness and believe His promises to forgive and cleanse away my sin and adopt me into His family. If you are already saved (A Scriptural term), I would on my knees thank Him for such a glorious Salvation and commit yourself to serve Him with all your heart and get busy being a faithful WITNESS.

"For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23 "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his

name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:47

If I can be of further assistance to you in any way, do not hesitate to contact me. It is my heart's desire to simply communicate Truth from God's Word. I will be glad to answer your questions, send you additional helpful literature and share your prayer burdens.

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