


THREE THAT BEAR WITNESS — 1 John 5:6-8

<p>This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. (1Jn.5:6)</p>	<p>✚ WATER & BLOOD</p> <p>A On the cross Jesus was pierced on His side and out came blood and water. This does not give divine witness to anything other than the fact that He was dead.</p> <p>B Believers baptism and communion. These function as a church witness (believer's affirmation), not a divine witness.</p> <p>C To Jesus' human birth (water, Jn.3:5) was added His perfect and sinless blood (no sin nature), enabling Him to be the substitute for sin. These are theologically correct, but do not exegetically explain the text as a divine witness.</p> <p>D The WATER refers to Christ's baptism. The BLOOD refers to Christ's death. At these two great events God the Father gave testimony.</p> <p>① WATER: Father says: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Mt.3:17)</p> <p>② BLOOD: Father does: Veil of the Temple torn, earthquake and rocks split (Mt.27:51-53)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Father gives divine testimony to the Son at both the water (baptism) and blood (death) events, which define His ministry of redemption. <p>✚ SPIRIT</p> <p>③ SPIRIT: The third member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, gives witness from the Father to the Son.</p>
<p>For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. (1Jn.5:7)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The one who has believed in Jesus is secure in their salvation, as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit also bear witness that the believing one has eternal life (1Jn.5:10-13). • In heaven it is God (Trinity) Who affirms that all believers are overcomers (1Jn.5:1-5). • Verse 7 is more like a parenthesis. It adds a heavenly witness perspective, to the earthly witness perspective. In either case, there are three witnesses to God's divine testimony. • The three in heaven does not make six witnesses as it is parenthetical. The three witnesses from the context of verses 6 and 8 are the (1) water, (2) blood, and (3) Spirit.
<p>And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one (1Jn.5:8)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verse 8 expands on what John began in verse 6 referring to the (1) water, (2) blood, and (3) Spirit. <p style="text-align: center;">① WATER ② BLOOD ③ SPIRIT</p> 

THOUGHT FLOW

1 John 5:6 3 Witnesses on Earth Water; Blood; Spirit...

(1 John 5:7 3 Witnesses in Heaven Father, Word, Holy Spirit)

1 John 5:8 3 Witnesses on Earth ...Water; Blood; Spirit