

Wednesday in the Word  
Digging Deeper  
February 23, 2022  
Witness to the Trinity

1 John 5:6-8 KJVS

[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.

John's treatise here in this letter is one of battling gnosticism which separated the man Jesus from the Eternal God. In the highly confused world of religion today this basic truth is under even greater attack as the Lord Christ is reduced to scandal and marginalization. John used the reality of the Trinity to best refute those claims and we will explore God's Word to help make sense of the false teachings that surround us in this worldly culture. To begin we dig into two very interesting verses in;

Psalm 138:1-2

I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. [2] I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

The Word of God in the Hebrew Old Testament is clearly defined as the utterance, speech or commandments of the One True God and His Name speaks of His character and reputation. David in this Psalm declares God's magnification or great enlargement of His Word over His Name. In Exodus chapter 3, God goes into great detail to explain His name to Moses and describes the power of His name to assert control over Kings and Kingdoms. In Genesis 1, God's first recorded act of creation is performed through His spoken Word. If His Word is greater than His Name then His activity is greater than His description. God is known by many Names throughout the Bible. Each describing a particular aspect of His character and His manifestation. Yet His Word somehow rises above. Let's unite these concepts through John's Gospel, chapter 1.

John 1:1-4 KJVS

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

God and His Word sound to us to be separate yet are declared to be One. In fact, an even more sublime unified separation appears in verse 14 of that same chapter.

John 1:14 KJVS

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Word of God, ever coexistent with Almighty God, took on flesh as the perfect man, Jesus Christ. This Word, our Jesus, does not supersede God. In fact He submissively defers to God the Father. John 4:34, 5:36, 9:4. So while the members of the Trinity have a preordained order they still share a coequal relationship. God the Father and the Holy Spirit point to Christ as deserving worship. Philippians 2:9-11, John 15:26. It is well known by all neo Christian religions that God will not surrender His throne or His praise to any god or idol. Isaiah 42:8. Who then is Jesus? Consider these. Revelation 3:21, Hebrews 1:3, 8, 8:1. Revelation 5:12-13, Colossians 2:9. John as was noted focused on the Trinity. Is the third member of the Trinity fully deserving of equality with God? Consider John 14:26, 15:26, Acts 5:3-4, Matthew 28:19. Note the singular 'Name' used for all three persons. Where does the full Trinity show up elsewhere? 2 Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 3:16-17, Romans 8:9-11, Luke 1:35, 1 Peter 1:2, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Titus 3:4-6. There is much more undeniable evidence in scripture of this Glorious 3in1. Verse 7 of today's passage is perhaps more clear than any. John's in-depth analysis of the Trinity of God is also presented as receiving witness from the Water and the Blood; these being Jesus' baptism and death on the cross for our salvation to eternal life. No simple man or alternate source is worthy to witness to the truth of the Trinity. These eternal Persons and their actions alone can testify to the truth. John 5:30-39. No simple man endured these actions. Jesus, fully God and fully man, full of the Spirit of Truth has testified to the reality of this most Powerful Being. May we be ever aware of His worthiness and glorify God worshipping the Father, the Son and the Spirit. May we rejoice in personally knowing our Creator, Who has reached down to us in Love. May God, our Savior fill you with His Spirit till you overflow with His praise.