

A Faith You Can Believe

1 John 5:6-12

The witnesses all agree: There is more than enough evidence to believe (6-9)

What is John referring to when he says, “water and blood” (6, 8)?

Options	Supporters	Meaning
1	Reformers (Luther, Calvin)	Ordinances/Sacraments of church – Baptism and Lord’s Supper
2	Augustine	Blood and water came from Jesus’ side when he was pierced by spear (John 19:34)
3	Early church fathers (Tertullian)	Christ’s baptism in the Jordan and his death on the cross – represents the totality of his ministry

Witness 1: Water

Witness 2: Blood

Witness 3: Spirit

The testimony is overwhelming (9)

Those who believe the testimony enjoy eternal life (10-12)

Eternal life is not possible apart from true belief that Jesus is the Son of God (10a)

To reject the testimony is to impugn God’s character (10b)

We must believe the testimony about Jesus in order to enjoy eternal life (11-12)