

John #8

1:29-34

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“This is the Witness of John” Pt. III
“This is the Son of God”

Intro: The Gospel of John is a most powerful book. Already, in just a few short opening verses, this book has declared and affirmed that _____ is the eternal God, Creator of all, who is the light of men, who being the only begotten _____ - came to earth in flesh to communicate to us the nature, character and being of the One True God. Thus, He is called the Word for He is the intelligent expression of the Father sent not to condemn us, but that we might be _____ through _____ in Him.

A. The Beloved tells us of the Baptist’s testimony concerning Jesus thus _____ his own testimony; and this is very important for “every fact is to be confirmed by the testimony of two or three _____” (2 Cor 13:1).

B. This morning we continue to read of the Baptist’s testimony of _____, as he pronounces Him to be the _____ of _____!

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I. The Baptist testified that Jesus is the _____ of God!

A. Being the sacrificial Lamb of God, Jesus is the one who _____ the _____ of the world.

B. The Baptist announced that the _____ of Nazareth, who stood in their presence, was _____ on whose behalf he had been saying, “After me comes a Man ...”

1. The Baptist had told the people that he was not the Christ, but that the _____, who ranked higher than him, was coming and that, that very One had arrived and _____.

a. In this, the _____ told the people that he was not to be worshiped, but that he was nothing more than the lowly _____ of the One who stood before them, whom he had spoken of on His behalf.

b. When the Baptist said that there was One coming after him who existed before him, he was testifying to the _____ nature of Jesus Christ and therefore, that Jesus was and _____.

C. The _____ knew that he was preparing the way of the Lord, but by his own confession, previous to the Lord’s baptism, he had not recognized Jesus to be the One of whom he had been _____.

1. There was _____ about the outer appearance of Jesus that indicated nor caused others (including the Baptist) to that He was the Messiah. (Cf. Is. 53:2)

2. Through the God-ordained Baptist's ministry of water baptism the of Jesus Christ was made publically _____ to Israel and John; and that through the providential hand of God.

3. The Baptist testified that it was at the baptism of Jesus that he personally witnessed the heavenly _____ that _____ to him that Jesus is the Son of God.

D. At the Lord's baptism, the Baptist bore _____ - _____ of the heavenly sign. He saw the Spirit descend as a dove out of heaven, and he saw that the _____ on Jesus.

1. When the Baptist speaks of this event, he is affirming that Jesus is the Christ, not only by His testimony, but by affirming that _____ the O.T. prophecies concerning the coming Christ. (Cf. Is. 11:1-2; 61:1)

E. The Baptist testified that God Himself had previously revealed to him that he would recognize the _____ by the _____ of the Spirit descending.

1. As the Baptist was well-respected, and many believed his ministry to be of God (for they were even wondering if he was the Christ), it carried much weight when he told them that God had _____ to him how he would know who the Christ was _____, and then that the word that was spoken to him was fulfilled to perfection.

F. The Baptist testified that _____ was the One who _____ the O.T. prophecies for He is the One who was to come who baptizes in the Holy Spirit. (Cf. Isa 44:3; Ezek 36:26-27; Joel 2:28-32)

G. The Baptist testified that he had personally seen and borne witness that the _____ of Nazareth, who stood in their midst, was the _____.

Closing: Now church, _____ say that Jesus is? The eye-witness testimony of John the Beloved, and John the Baptist, and the declaration of the Holy Scripture which are the very Words of God are all in perfect agreement. Together they announce that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and that, because _____ is the _____. God has made the truth evident to us, and we are without excuse! Will you believe the truth that stands before you and be saved? Will you heed the Spirit's call? _____, each and every one of you for the forgiveness of sin! _____ upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will _____!