

In Defense Of The Triune God

(From 1 John 5:7-8)

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I want to speak this morning about ***In Defense of the Triune God.***

1 John 5:1

“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.”

Let's begin by reading verse 1, "*Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.*"

The first part of this, "*Whosoever believeth,*" refers to genuine faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, genuine faith that truly, "*Jesus is the Christ,*" the Messiah. That's important. He who genuinely believes in the Lord Jesus Christ is born-again. This genuine salvation makes us "*born of God.*" That verb is in the perfect tense. It describes an action that happened in the past, and continues into the present and the future as well. There is no getting out of being born physically. In the same sense, spiritually, once you're "*born of God,*" you cannot be "un-born." You cannot lose your salvation. It's very important to see that. The Apostle John makes this very clear.

The second part of this verse is: "*every one that loveth him that begat,*" that is, if you love God who begat the Christian believer and made him born-again, "*loveth him also that is begotten of him.*" Again, John is speaking about the genuinely saved people. They should continue to love those who have also been born-again. That's not always easy, but the Spirit of God can give those who are truly saved that grace and peace to love those that are "*begotten of Him.*" As I have said many times, the Apostle John is very repetitious on this. He wants to emphasize it. Apparently it's not easy to do. People in his day needed this command, and we need it today as well. Regardless of how saved Christians might disagree with one another, if they are genuinely born-again, they are commanded to love fellow Christians even if we have serious differences with them in doctrine and in other things as well.

1 John 5:2

“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.”

Let's read verse 2 together, "*By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and*

keep his commandments."

When the saved people "*love God and keep His commandments,*" they will love the "*children of God.*" You see, that's an indication. "*By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God.*"

Notice, "*when we love God, and keep his commandments.*" Several things about that. First, where are you going to find "*His commandments*"? Remember, as I have said before, this does not refer to the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament. It refers to the commandments, commands, orders, or imperatives found for true Christians in the New Testament. There are over 1,050 different commands, orders, and imperative statements in the New Testament. You can order these commands from me if you want a copy. Call me at [856-854-4747](tel:856-854-4747) or write me at BFT@BibleForToday.org and I'll tell you how to get them. All of these commands should be obeyed by those who have genuinely trusted and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must know what these orders and imperative commands are in our Bibles. Though some might be found in the new versions, all 1,050 might not be found in the modern versions that are based on the heretical Gnostic Critical Greek Text versions such as the New International Version, the New American Standard Version, the Revised or New Revised Standard Version, the English Standard Version, or in many, many other modern Bible versions. They are all found, however, in the King James Bible. So, first we have to know where the New Testament commands and orders are for us. That's one of the reasons why I preach from, believe in, and stand for the King James Bible and its underlying Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek Words that give all 1,050 of these New Testament commands.

But once you know what these 1,050 commands are, it is another matter to be sure to "*keep*" and follow them. Knowing them must precede keeping them, but keeping them is essential. The word for "*keep*" is TEREQ. One of the various meanings of that Greek Word is: "*to attend to carefully.*" Day-by-day, if we who are genuinely saved want to "*keep*" God's Words, we must read them daily and ask the Lord to help us in that necessary and important task of "*keeping*" them.

1 John 5:3

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

Let's read verse 3 together, "*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*"

"*This is the love of God.*" The "*of*" here is an objective genitive (rather than a subjective genitive) giving the sense of "*for*" God as the object of that love. It is not God's love for us, but the truly saved Christian's love for God. This is how we know we have a genuine love for God—when we "*keep His commandments.*" This is the proof that a person loves the God of the Bible. As I mentioned before, if a person wants to "*keep His commandments,*" he must know where all 1,050 of them are found in the New Testament. There are a total of 1,050 of these imperative commands and orders in the New Testament. As I said before, a person must go to the King James Bible in the English language to find all of these. This is because the King James Bible is based upon the proper Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek preserved Words and had superior translators with a superior translation technique and ended up with a superior theology. This is the only way a person can show their love for the God of the Bible. They must keep and follow all of His commands and orders.

Notice that it says, "*His commandments are not grievous.*" The Greek Word for "*grievous*" is BARUS. We get the English word "*barometer*" from this Greek Word. It is a measure of pressure. Some of the meanings for this Greek Word are "*grievous, burdensome, violent or cruel.*" God's "*commandments*" are not heavy in weight. They won't knock us over. They won't cause us to fall on our face. They are not

grievous, burdensome, violent or cruel.

1 John 5:4

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

Let's read verse 4 together, "*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*"

“*Born of God.*” This verb (GENNAO) is in the Greek perfect tense. This signifies an action that began in the past, and is continued into the present and future. Once a person is genuinely saved, God calls this being “*born-again.*” That “*born-again*” status began in the past when the person truly accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. It also continues into the present and on into the future. If a person has been genuinely born-again and saved by genuine faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, there is no way in the world that this person can get out of that new birth. He or she cannot lose that birth or lose that salvation. But if the person does **not** have a genuine born-again experience, he can't lose it, because he never had it in the first place. It's very important for you to be sure that you're born-again and saved. It's a forever relationship with the God of Heaven--past, present and future. If that be true, a person has “*overcome*” (NIKAO) the world. He has gained a victory over this wicked world. He doesn't care what the world thinks. He doesn't care what the world does, says, or where they go. Let no saved, born-again Christian follow the world--what it does, what it says, what it thinks, or where it goes.

Overcoming (NIKAO) and gaining victory over the world, "*is the victory.*" It is the conquering victory, "*that overcometh*" and gains the victory over the world, "*even our faith.*" The Greek Word for “*faith*” has an article before it. It is “*the faith.*” With the article before it, “*faith*” always refers to the body of doctrine, theology, and teachings of the Words of God found in our Bible. In this instance, it does not refer to a person's personal faith they might. True victory over this wicked and sinful world around us is found in holding to and having confidence in the Bible's genuine doctrines and teachings--everything truly taught in the Bible. Therein lies the victory over the world. The world doesn't believe these Bible doctrines and teachings. That's why it's so important that a genuine Christian has proper theology and doctrines. This means all the doctrines of the Bible--especially those concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, such as His Deity, His bodily resurrection, His miracles, His blood atonement, His promised coming again, His death for the sins of everyone in the world, and many other doctrines concerning Him.

1 John 5:5

“Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”

Let's read verse 5 together, "*Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*"

Again, the overcoming (NIKAO) indicates that victory is possible. An overcomer is he that has genuine faith. The verb, “*believeth,*” is in the present tense. It assumes a continuous belief “*that Jesus is [and continues to be throughout all eternity to come] the Son of God.*”

As I have said before, many people think, in the temptations of the Lord Jesus Christ by the devil after 40 days without eating, that Jesus **might** have sinned but didn't. This defective view of the Lord Jesus Christ's sinlessness teaches only that He was “*able not to sin*” but **could have** sinned. In Latin, this is

“posse non peccare.” This is an apostate view! The true understanding of the Human and Divine nature of the Lord Jesus Christ is that He is **“not able to sin”** In Latin, this is *“non posse peccare.”* The Bible is

clear that the Lord Jesus Christ not only did not sin, but was and is not able to sin. He was and continues to be sinless and impeccable.

1 John 5:6

“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.”

Let's read verse 6 together, *“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.”*

There are many ways this verse could be understood. I believe it refers to the perfect and sinless Humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ was conceived in a Jewish virgin, Mary, by the power of God the Holy Spirit. She gave birth to the Lord Jesus Christ in the town of Bethlehem. This is how the miracle of the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ took place. By His Incarnation and miraculous birth, He received a perfect and sinless Humanity.

As far as the reference to the Lord Jesus Christ coming *“by water,”* let me give you my understanding of it. At the birth of a normal human child, the mother has within her *“amniotic fluid”* (or bag of waters). According to one of the Internet sites concerning the mother's *“amniotic fluid”*:

“this is a clear odorless liquid, which surrounds and protects the baby . . . and provides a protective barrier from the outside environment.”

Close to the birth of the baby, this *“water”* breaks. I believe this word *“water”* in this verse could very well refer to what took place at the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. If this is true, it shows that the Lord Jesus Christ, though perfect God and perfect Man, was born in a natural way. This gave Him a true (though perfect and sinless) human nature. This was made possible by the miracle of His virgin birth that gave Him a true Humanity. He did not appear as an angel or some other kind of creature, but was born by physical birth as the perfect Son of Man as well as the perfect Son of God.

As far as the reference to the Lord Jesus Christ coming *“by . . . blood,”* I believe this is a second indication that His miraculous virgin birth gave Him a true, though absolutely perfect, Humanity. He was not an angel or some other kind of special creature, but was a true, though absolutely Perfect and sinless, human Being Who had blood in His veins as all we human beings have blood in our veins. The difference between our blood and His Blood is that His Blood was absolutely perfect, sinless, and incorruptible. The Lord Jesus Christ's blood did not come from the sinful blood of Adam, through any human father, but was specially *“prepared”* (as was His entire body) by God the Father. As it says in Hebrews 10:5, referring to the Lord Jesus Christ as He was praying to His Father:

*“Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but **a body hast thou prepared me:**”*

This *“prepared”* body included a specially *“prepared”* Blood in addition to every other part of His Divinely *“prepared”* body. Reliable medical doctors that I have read have stated very clearly that the blood of a baby comes entirely from the father. The mother gives no blood whatever to the child. Since the Lord Jesus Christ, through the miracle of His virgin birth, had no human father, He also had no human blood. It was Blood specially *“prepared”* by His Father. That's why His blood was absolutely perfect, sinless, spotless, and impeccable blood. He was Perfect Man and Perfect God in One Person.

“And it is the Spirit that beareth witness because the Spirit is truth.” The Greek verb for *“beareth*

witness” is in the perfect tense. It means that this action of God the Holy Spirit in giving to the human Bible writers God’s Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Words was an action which had three tenses. These Words were given in the past time; They were preserved up to the present time; and they were continued to be preserved into the future time. This shows clearly the promise of Bible Preservation of those original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Words.

It is God the Holy Spirit Who received the Words of the Bible from the Lord Jesus Christ as clearly taught in **John 16:13-15**:

*“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of [or **from**] himself; **but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak**: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for **he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you**. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”*

From these verses, it is clear that the Lord Jesus Christ is the genuine Originator of all the Words of the New Testament (and by extension, all the Words of the Old Testament as well). God the Holy Spirit received these Words directly from the Lord Jesus Christ, gave them to the Bible’s human writers, and they wrote them down exactly as the Holy Spirit gave them.

1 John 5:7-8

“For there are three that bear record . . . [in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth,] . . . the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”

Let's read verses 7 and 8 together, "*For there are three that bear record . . . [in heaven, the Father, the word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth,] the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.*"

WHY THESE 24 DOUBTED WORDS ARE ORIGINAL

I want to take a little more time on these two verses because of the great controversy about them that has been raging for years. The 24 words in brackets above clearly teach the Christian doctrine of the Divine Trinity--God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I believe every word in these two verses is genuine as given in our King James Bible and in the Received Greek Text that underlies it. Let me tell you briefly why I believe this to be so.

I. THE DIFFERENCES IN GREEK TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS

The Gnostic Critical Greek text removes 25 Greek Words. In our King James Bible, 24 English words would be removed if it followed that erroneous Greek Text. This Gnostic heretical Greek Text wrongly removes all the underlying Greek Words **found within the brackets above**. These same words are removed in all of the modern versions in every language of the world that are based on this heretical Gnostic Critical Greek Text. This means that the ASV, RSV, NASV, NIV, ESV, and the many, many others that are based on this false Greek text. It is interesting that even the *Hebrew Names Version* and the *Complete Jewish Bible* remove these words. However, the translations that are not based upon these false texts have these words, such as *Ostervald French*, *Diodati Italian*, and the *Reina Valera Spanish*. Since there was never any question in the early Western Latin church about the Trinity, these words are also found in the *Douay-Rheims* version.

If you wish to check **44 different translations** in various languages, on 1 John 5:7-8 (or any other verses in these **44 translations**), you can go to the following LINK:

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/ylt/1-john/passage.aspx?q=1-john+5:7-8>

II. THE EXTERNAL EVIDENCE FOR 1 JOHN 5:7-8

Let's take a look at some of the things, that are wrong if we leave out these 24 or 25 words. Dr. Jack Moorman (one of our church's missionaries in London, England) has written an excellent article defending 1 John 5:7-8. You can pick up a copy as you leave. I'll refer to it as I discuss these two verses. 1 John 5:7-8, as they were written in the Received Greek Text that underlies the King James Bible. This Received Greek Text affirms the doctrine of the Trinity, and defends the Triune God—that is, One God in three separate and distinct Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It is a Trinity in Unity, or Tri-Unity. The One and only God of the Bible exists in three distinct Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This truth is also clearly taught in the baptismal formula found in Matthew 28:19:

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”

A. The External Evidence Of Greek Manuscripts

There are three huge lies about the external evidence of Greek Manuscripts told by “*modern textual criticism*” concerning these two verses. They are told by those who believe in the heretical Gnostic Critical Greek Text.

1. Lie #1 About Greek Manuscripts. The first lie told by “*modern textual criticism*” is the following:

“The passage is absent from every known Greek manuscript except four.” (Dr. Moorman, p. 115)

In point of fact, the entire passage is found not only in the four they list (61,88,629, and 635) but it is also found in **five other Greek manuscripts** (221, 429, 636, 918, and 2318) bringing the total to nine rather than only four. (Dr. Moorman, p. 119).

2. Lie #2 About the Manuscripts of the Ancient Bible Versions. The second lie told by “*modern textual criticism*” is the following:

“The passage is absent from the MSS of all ancient versions (Syriac, Coptic, Armenian, Ethiopic, Arabic, Slavonic) except the Latin.” (Moorman, p. 115)

In point of fact, the entire and correct verses of 1 John 5:7-8 are found in four ancient Bible versions:

- a. It is found in the **Syriac Peshitta Bible** in 1555, in 1569, and in 1664. (Dr. Moorman, p. 120)
- b. It is found in the **Armenian Bible** both in 1666 and in 1789. (Dr. Moorman, p. 120)
- c. It is found in the **Georgian Bible** in 1743. (Dr. Moorman, p. 120)
- d. It is found in some of the editions of the **Slavonic Bible**. (Dr. Moorman, p. 120)

3. Lie #3 About Old Latin In Its Early Form. The third lie told by “*modern textual criticism*” is the following:

*“It is not found in the Old Latin in its early form (**Tertullian, Cyprian, Augustine**).”* (Dr. Moorman, p. 115)

In point of fact, it is found in the following 12 either early Latin or other Latin witnesses in their early form:

1. It is found in “*practically all of the extant Latin Vulgate MSS.*” (Dr. Moorman, p.121)
2. It is found in **Tertullian** who died in 220 A.D. (Dr. Moorman, p. 121)
3. It is found in **Cyprian** of Carthage who died in 258 A.D. (Dr. Moorman, p. 121)

4. It is found in Priscillian who died in 385 A.D. (Dr. Moorman, p. 122)
5. It is found in the “Speculum” which contains the Old Latin text in the 400's A.D. (Dr. Moorman, p. 122)
6. It is found in the Expositio Fidei in the 400's or 500's A.D. (Dr. Moorman, p. 122)
7. It is found in an Old Latin manuscript in the 400's or 500's A. D. (Dr. Moorman, p. 122)
8. It is found in Eugenius, Bishop of Carthage in 484 A.D. (Dr. Moorman, p. 122)
9. It is found in Vigilus of Thapsus in 490 A.D. (Dr. Moorman, p. 122)
10. It is found in Fulgentius of Ruspe who died in 533 A.D. (Dr. Moorman, p. 122)
11. It is found in Fuldensis who died in 546 A.D. (Dr. Moorman, p. 122)
12. It is found in Cassiodorus who lived in 480 to 570 A.D. (Dr. Moorman, p.122)

III. THE INTERNAL EVIDENCE FOR 1 JOHN 5:7-8

In addition to the external evidences in the Greek, Latin, and other languages for 1 John 5:7-8, there is some internal evidence as well. Let me print out once again 1 John 5:7-8 and show the 24 English words that have been eliminated in the heretical Gnostic Critical Greek Text, so you can see how the internal evidence bears on these verses in question.

1 John 5:7-8

“For there are three that bear record . . . [in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth,] . . . the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”

Notice that the heretical Gnostic Critical Greek Text takes away the 24 words in brackets that follow “*that bear record.*” Their false rendering would then be:

*“For there are three that bear record [a Greek **masculine** article, numeral, and participle] . . . the Spirit [a **neuter** noun], and the water [a Greek **neuter** noun], and the blood [a Greek **neuter** noun]: and these three agree in one.”*

If this were the case, and most definitely it is not, you would have a Greek **MASCULINE** participle agreeing with three Greek **NEUTER** nouns. That is a grammatical impossibility. If the Greek words in this false heretical Gnostic Critical Text were, in fact, used by the Apostle John, he would have used a Greek **NEUTER PARTICIPLE** rather than a Greek **MASCULINE PARTICIPLE** to go along with these three Greek **NEUTER** nouns. Since John did not do that, this proves conclusively that all 24 of these English words (and all 25 of these Greek Words) must be included in 1 John 5:7-8 in order to be absolutely grammatically correct! (See Dr. Moorman, p. 116)

Robert Dabney, in his article, “Dabney’s Discussions Evangelical and Theological” reprinted by the Trinitarian Bible Society wrote:

*“The masculine article, numeral and participle HOI TREIS MARTUROUTES, are made to agree directly with three neuters, **an insuperable and very bald grammatical difficulty.** . . .”* (Dr. Moorman, p. 117)

This is very important grammatical evidence from the rules of Greek grammar.

IV. EVIDENCE OF PAST ALTERATIONS OF WRITTEN MATERIALS

This “*insuperable and very bald grammatical difficulty*” that is clearly present in the heretical Gnostic Critical Text is indeed very strange. Is there some evidence that certain people in the early days of the New Testament made a practice of either omitting, adding, or changing written materials that they didn’t agree with? Is there some evidence that some even changed the original Greek Words of God? Yes, there are such evidences of past alterations of words and even entire books.

Pastor Daniel Waite also looked into the tampering of the Words of God and found an article entitled:

“Behind The Bible Fraud–What Was The Church Trying To Hide?” [The article is found at the following LINK: <http://www.rense.com/general66/hidden.htm>]. In this article, we find the following seven examples of the destruction parts or all of various documents and books, both Christian and Jewish:

1. “In 1415 the Church of Rome took an extraordinary step to destroy all knowledge of two second century Jewish books that it said contained the true name of Jesus Christ.” (page 1)
2. “The Antipope Benedict XIII firstly singled out for condemnation a secret Latin treatise called ‘Mar Yesu’” to be destroyed.
3. “The Antipope Benedict XIII . . . then issued instructions to destroy all copies of the book of Elxai . . . [which] were comprehensive original records reporting the life of Rabbi Jesus.”
4. “Later, Pope Alexander VI ordered all copies of the Talmud destroyed.” (Around 1420-1498)
5. “Solomon Romano (1554) also burnt many thousands of Hebrew scrolls.”
6. “In 1559, every Hebrew book in the city of Prague was confiscated.”
7. “The mass destruction of Jewish books included hundreds of copies of the Old Testament and caused the irretrievable loss of many original handwritten documents.”

V. WHY THESE 24 WORDS WERE POSSIBLY REMOVED

As for the destruction of portions of the original Greek New Testament Words, Dr. Frederick Nolan (1784-1864 A.D.) wrote a book of 604 pages (**BFT #1304 @ \$30.00 + \$10.00 S&H**) entitled *An Inquiry Into the Integrity of the Greek Vulgate (T.R.) or Received Text of the New Testament*. We also have a summary reprint of this longer book containing only 116 pages. This shorter summary omitted Dr. Nolan’s many and very long footnotes. I’ll quote from this 116-page shorter volume.

Mrs. Yvonne Waite, my wife, looked over for me the entire 116-page summary article by Dr. Nolan and found some very applicable quotations. Apparently Eusebius of Caesarea (who lived about 265-340 A.D.) who was a Gnostic heretic, took upon himself to expunge some of the Words of the original Received Greek New Testament Text which he and other Gnostics did not believe. Dr. Nolan wrote of Eusebius:

*“If we now compare the authority thus committed to Eusebius, which seems to have vested him at least with a discretionary power of selecting chiefly those sacred scriptures which he knew to be useful and necessary to the doctrine of the church, with the state of the sacred text as it is now marked in the corrected edition lately put forth by M. Griesbach; we shall perhaps discover how far it is probable he acted to the full extent of his powers, and removed those parts of scripture from the circulated edition, which he judged to be neither conducive to use for doctrine and which are now marked as probable interpolations in the Received Text. They amount principally to the following: the account of the woman taken in adultery, John 8:53–9:11, and three texts which assert in the strongest manner the mystery of the Trinity, of the Incarnation, and Redemption, **1 John v. 7-8**, 1 Timothy iii. 16, and Acts xx. 28.”*

“If two points can be established against Eusebius, that he lacked neither the power, nor the will, to suppress these passages, particularly the latter; there will be fewer objections lying against the charge with which I am adventurous enough to accuse him; in asserting that the probabilities are decidedly in favor of his having expunged, rather than the Catholics having inserted, those passages in the sacred text.”
(Dr. Nolan, p. 6)

On the next page of his 116 page summary book, Dr. Nolan continued to comment on the Gnostic Eusebius and the Arians who employed him:

“There will be less reason to dispute his [referring to Eusebius] power over the copies

*of the original Greek, when we know that his high reputation for learning, aided by the powerful authority of the emperor, tended to recommend his edition to the exclusion of every other; and when it is remembered that the number of the copies of scripture was in this reign above all others considerably reduced on account of the destruction made of them in the preceding. Let us add to these considerations, these further circumstances, that the pious emperor who had employed him to revise the text had been at considerable pains and expense to multiply copies of the scripture, and that the edition thus dispersed, **as altered by Eusebius**, was peculiarly accommodated to the opinions of the Arians, who from the reign of Constantine that of Theodosius held an unlimited sway over the church; and there will arise something more than presumptive proof in favor of the opinion which I have advanced; that at this period an alteration was made in the sacred text, of which it still retains a melancholy evidence, particularly in the translations made from the edition of Eusebius.” (Dr. Nolan, p. 7)*

So Eusebius, at the behest of apparently the emperor of the Greek world of his day and over the Greek Orthodox Church, removed these 25 Words from the original Greek wording of 1 John 5:7-8. This was because that emperor was either an Arian or a Sabellian. His followers were also either Arians or Sabellians who denied the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Another explanation that Dr. Nolan made, which I have remembered, is that the head of the Greek Orthodox church in either the 200's A.D. or the 300's A.D., along with both the Arians and the Sabellians, did not believe in the Trinity. Because of this, Dr. Nolan believed that he ordered all the Greek manuscripts in his possession which had 1 John 5:7-8 to remove those 25 Greek Words. This explains why the words have been cut out of so many Greek manuscripts. This theory goes right along with the above quotations.

Although I do not agree with Roman Catholicism, the Western church of Rome has never had any doubts about the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. For this reason, there are hundreds of Latin New Testament manuscripts where all 25 of these Greek Words and all 24 of these English words are present without any question whatsoever.

Along with the other convincing arguments mentioned above in this article, this powerful Latin manuscript evidence and support for the entire 1 John 5:7-8 passage is also very powerful and convincing proof for its authenticity as found in the Textus Receptus manuscripts that underlie our King James Bible.

For a list of all the New Testament Latin Manuscripts, you can look up the following LINK:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_New_Testament_Latin_manuscripts

The Trinity is taught clearly in the following words of 1 John 5:7. These words, and all those in verse 8 have been defended and verified by the facts and evidence outlined above.

*“For there are three that bear record in heaven, **the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**”*

1 John 5:9

“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.”

Let's read verse 9 together, *“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.”*

“If we receive the witness of men.” This human witness might be found in newspapers, in magazines, on radio, on television, on the internet, in churches, in schools, or in any other manner. Notice the next

part, "*the witness of God is greater.*" Do you believe God's "witness" is "greater" than "*the witness of men*"? Or are you going to soft pedal God's "witness," put it on the back burner, so to speak, and just believe whatever people might tell you? Many people are believing just the "*witness of men.*" But if this witness contradicts the Words of God, they believe "*the witness of men*" rather than the "*witness of God*" as found in His Words when the two are contradictory. That is very sad.

"*The witness of God is greater: for this is the witness which he hath testified of his Son.*" The Greek Word for "*testified*" is also in the Greek perfect tense. It is a "witness" that was given in the past, which is preserved down to the present time, and also preserved into the future. This proves Bible preservation of the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Words. God's "witness" to His Son has been preserved to our very day because of the doctrine and fact of the Bible's promised preservation.

If you say, "*I believe and agree that the witness of God is greater than the witness of men,*" do you really believe that? If you really God's preserved "witness" in His Words, the Bible, you will deny any "witness of men" that contradicts the Bible. That means you will deny evolution because God witnesses to His creation. You will deny heliocentric view of science that teaches that the sun is the center of the universe and accept the geocentric view taught in the Bible that our earth is fixed and is the center of the universe. Study Dr. Jack Moorman's book (BFT #4054 *Geocentricity—The Biblical & Observational Case* @ \$18.00 + \$8.00 S&H) on this theme if you're not sure of this. Which do you believe, the "witness of men" or the "witness of God"? You've must make up your mind. The "witness of men" is that homosexuality and homosexual marriage is wonderful. Many these states have made it legal. President Obama says he's for it. In the mid-1990's, it has been reported from various sources that he was a member of "Man's Country," a gay bathhouse in uptown Chicago, Illinois. He believes sodomy and sodomite marriages men with men and women with women are acceptable. The "witness of God" says that homosexuality is sin, wickedness, and corruption. The only Biblical marriages can be with one man and one woman for life. God did not create two men in the Garden of Eden, or two women. He created man and took from man Eve, his wife, and the two became one flesh.

So which witness are you taking or should you be taking? The "witness of men" or the "witness of God"? You must decide. I seek to follow and defend the "witness of God" over any "witness of men." Everything in the Scriptures must be followed. "*The witness of men*" says that it's all right to commit adultery. "*The witness of God*" says that is sin. So what are you going to believe? I believe we must believe God's and practice God's Words. We must believe "*the witness of God is greater*" than "*the witness of men.*"

1 John 5:10

"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."

Let's read verse 10 together, "*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.*"

"*He that believeth on the Son of God*" is genuinely saved and has "*the witness in himself.*" God the Holy Spirit indwells those who are genuinely saved and born-again. We saw the other week or two that the Father and the Son also dwells within the truly saved people. Here are a few verses that teach this:

*"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and **my Father** will love him, and **we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**"*

(John 14:23)

"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among

*the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**.” (Colossians 1:27)*

*“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)*

On the other hand, *“he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.”* The Greek Word for “made” is in the Greek perfect tense. It means that the unbelieving person has made God a liar in the past, in the present, and on into the future. These unbelievers deny that the Lord Jesus Christ died for their sins and the sins of the whole world. By their unbelief in the Bible’s “record” of what the Lord Jesus Christ did for them, they are calling the God of the Bible a liar.

In the phrase, *“he that believeth not the record that God gave of his Son,”* the Greek Word for “gave” is in the Greek perfect tense. God’s “record” that He “gave” is the Bible which He gave in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. This “record” was given in the past, preserved in the present and will continue to be preserved into the future. This is a further statement of Bible’s preservation. He gave us the record of the past. He preserves it to the present and unto the future. This “record” includes all the doctrines of the Bible, and especially the things concerning his Son, including His Deity, His virgin birth, His miracles, His death on the cross for the sins of the world, his bodily resurrection, His coming again, and many other things. The doctrinal teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ is called Christology.

1 John 5:11

“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”

Let's read verse 11 together, *“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”*

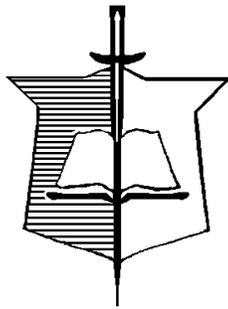
Notice that, in the phrase, *“this life is in His son,”* the Greek Word for “is” is the Greek present tense. It involves a continuous action. This “eternal life” is only “in His Son” and continually “in his Son.”

“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”

(1 John 5:12)

The “record” of this eternal life has been written down in the Bible which is preserved in the past, in the present and into the future. This eternal life is solely found in genuine trust, belief, and reception of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the soul such as found in John 3:16:

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”



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