



1st John

God is Light, Love and Life

Lesson 12

God's Witness

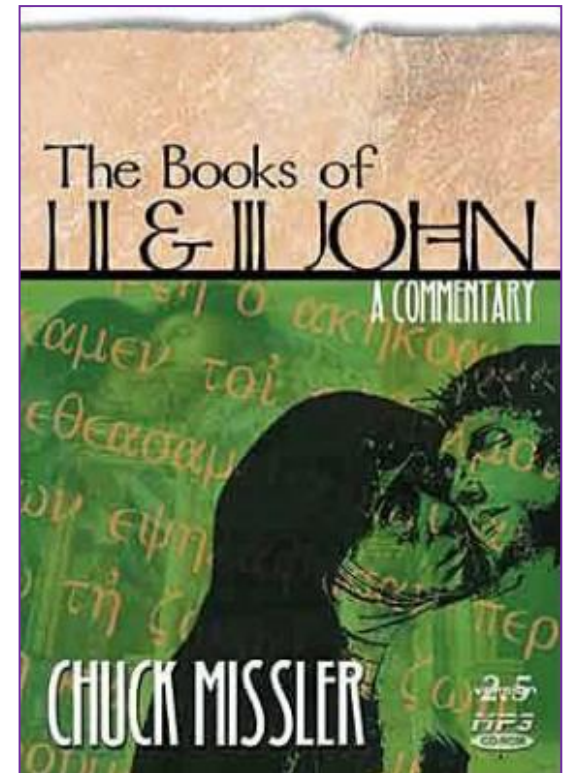
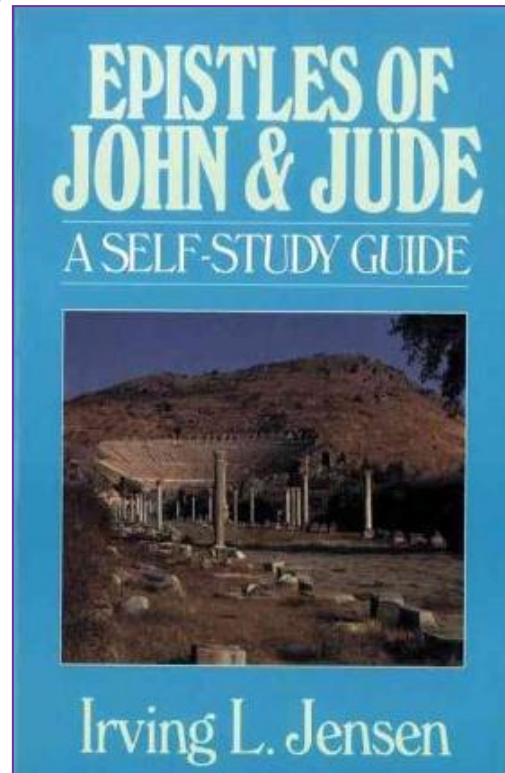
1st John 5:6-13

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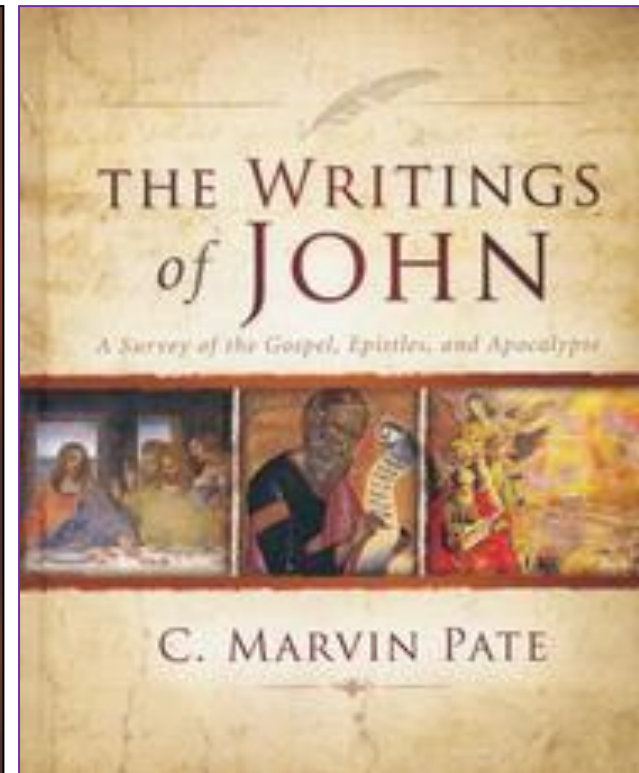
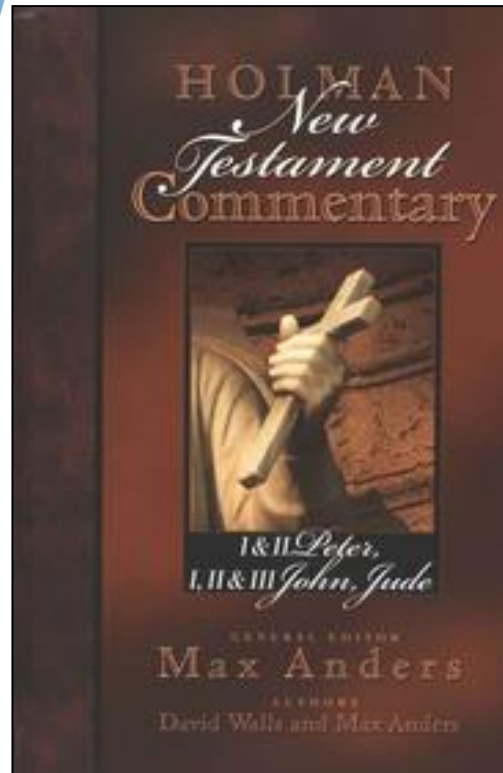


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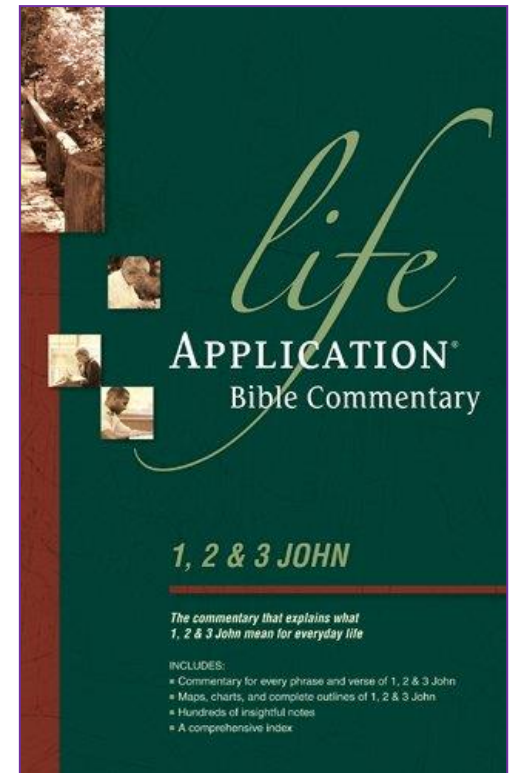
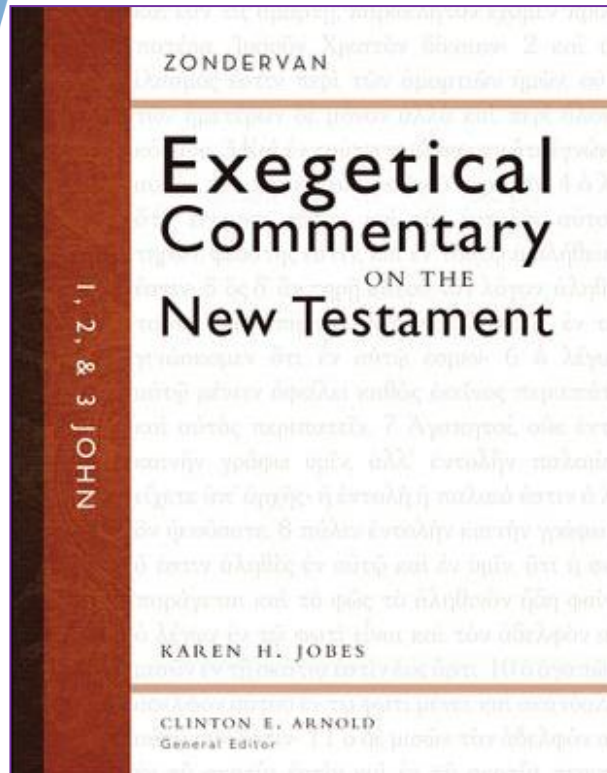


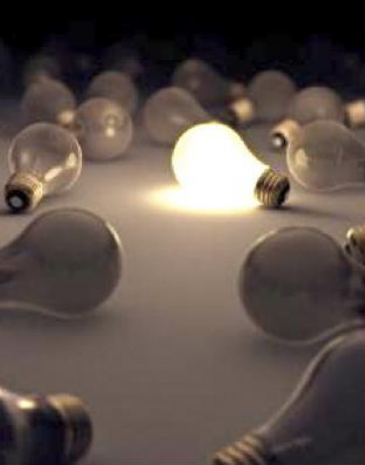
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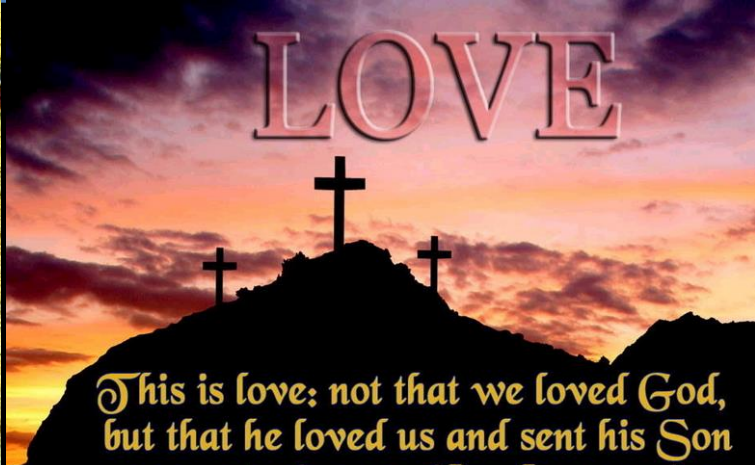
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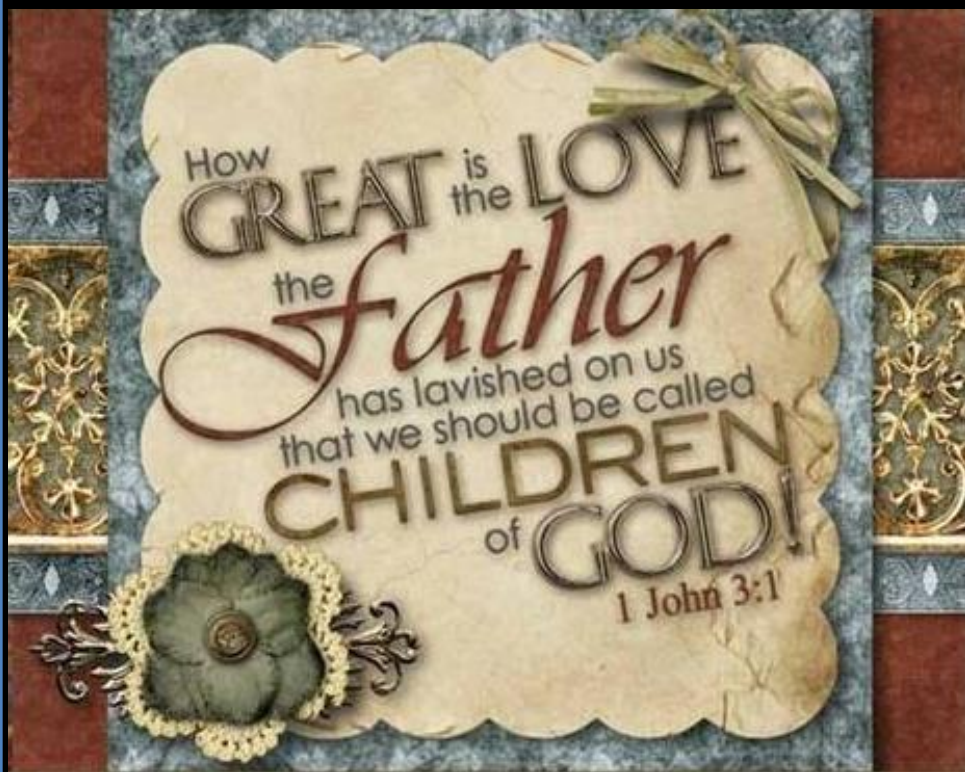
1, 2 & 3 JOHN



LOVE

This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins

1 John 4:10 NIV



love

God

Whoever loves another like Jesus knows the love that has been laid down for us, so that we may live by it. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. Who loves his brother who has remained in the truth and the love that has been laid down for us, so that we may live by it. Whoever does not love his brother who has remained in the truth and the love that has been laid down for us, so that we may live by it.



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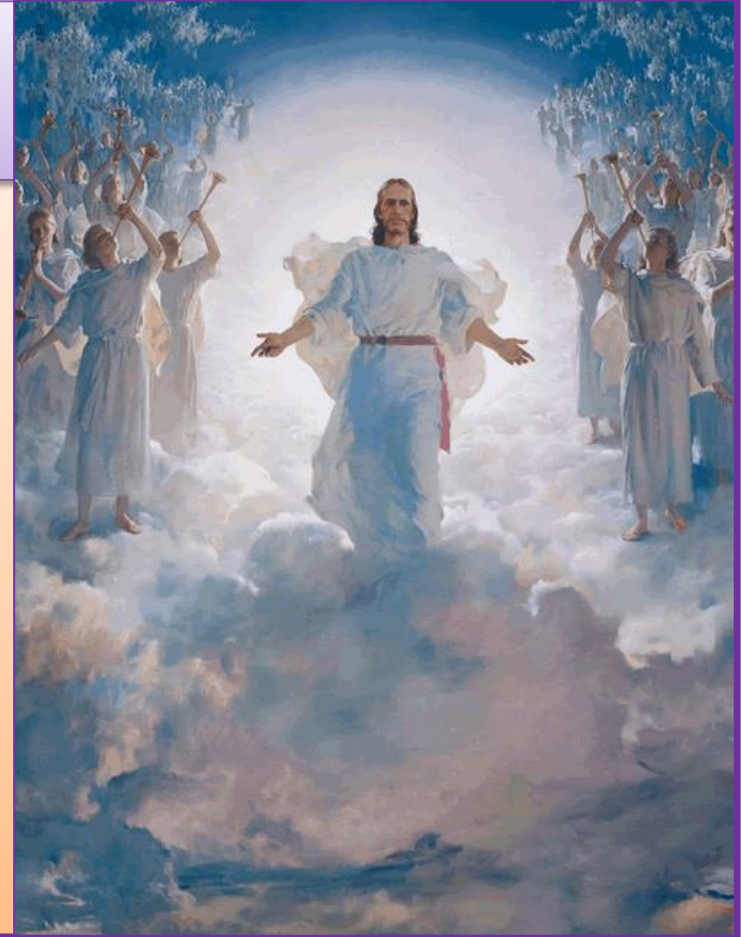
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... 1 John 5:6-8 ...NKJV

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... 1 John 5:9-11 ...NKJV

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12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. **13** These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

... 1 John 5:12-13 ...NKJV



God's Witness

Can I Get A Witness?

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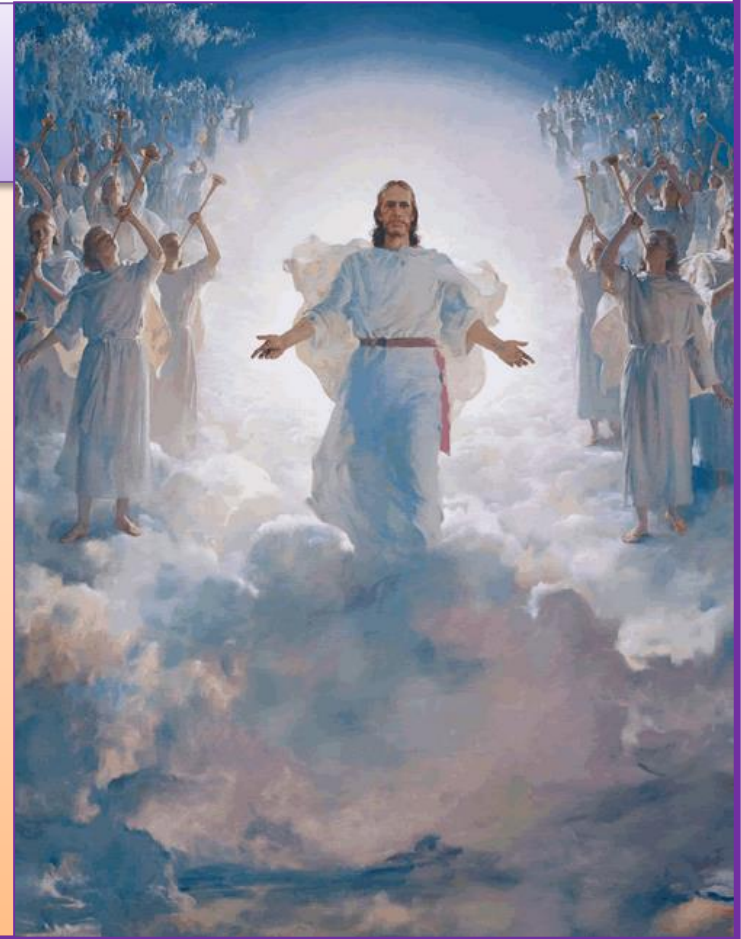
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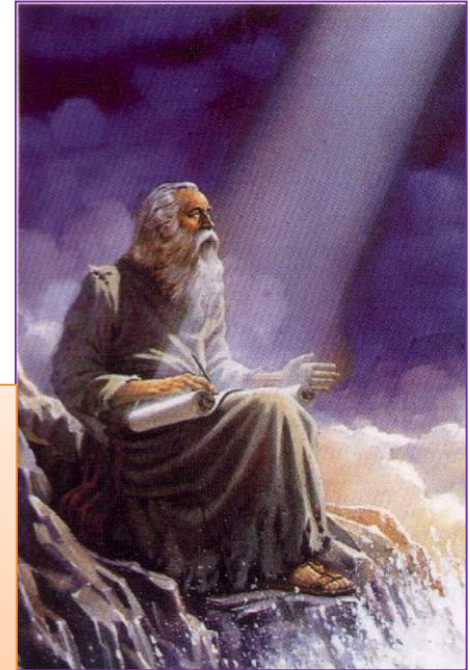
1 John 5:6 - OBSERVATIONS

⁶ 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.

- He who came by water and blood
 - Jesus came by water and blood
 - We are reminded of the incident on the cross
 - Roman soldier threw spear into Jesus's side
 - Out poured both water and blood ... [John 19:34](#)

³¹ Therefore, because it was the Preparation *Day*, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. ³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

--- [John 19:34](#) ... NKJV



- But this is not what John is referring to here

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- Not only by water

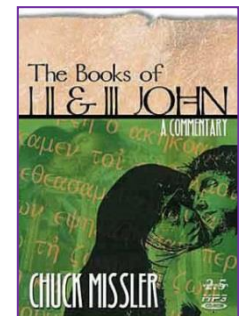
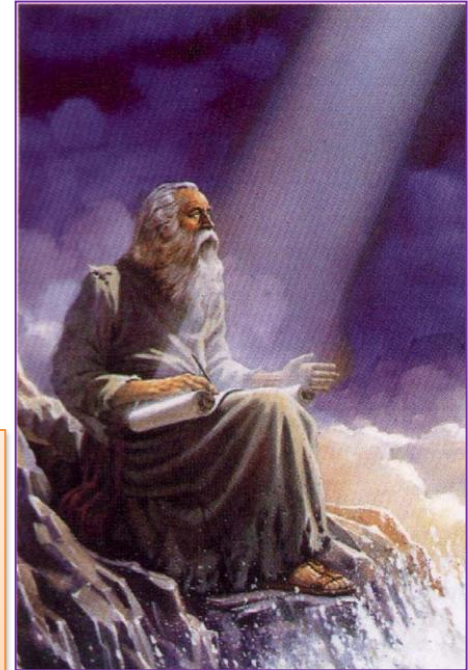
- Water

- Refers to the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan by John the Baptist.
 - The Father spoke audibly to Jesus from Heaven ... [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." --- [Matthew 3:13-17](#) ... NKJV



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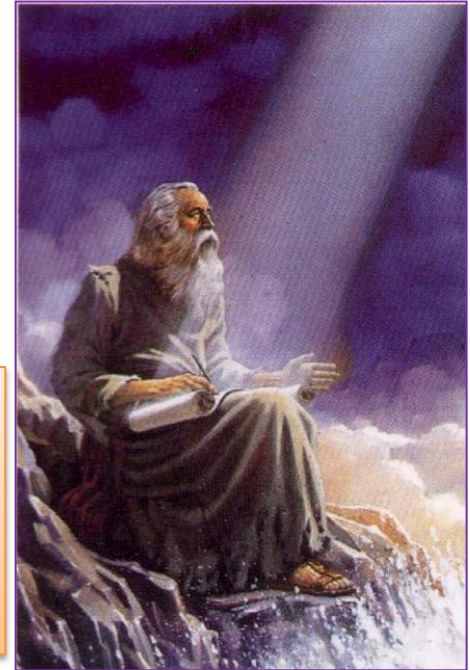
- Not only by water

- Blood

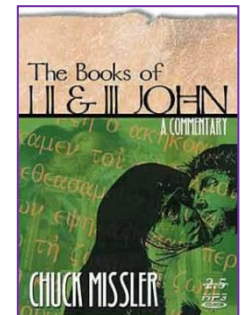
- Refers to the crucifixion of Christ
 - The Father gave further witness again as the time drew near for Jesus to die ... [John 12:27-28](#)

²⁷ "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again."

--- [John 12:27-28](#) ... NKJV



- Truly this was the Son of God ... [Matthew 27:45-54](#)
 - There was supernatural darkness
 - There was an earthquake - graves opened
 - There was the rending of the Temple veil

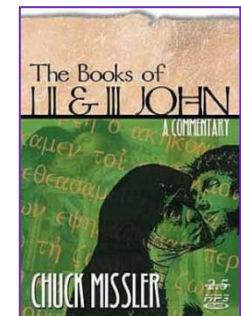
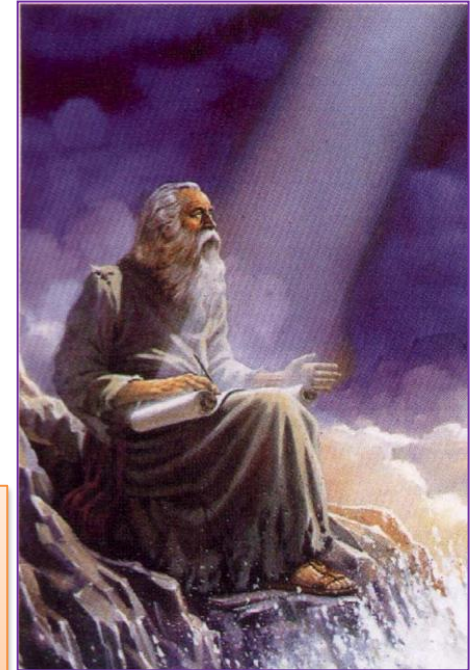


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- The Spirit who bears witness
 - The Spirit is God ... [John 4:24](#)
 - The Spirit is truth
 - The witness is true
 - This is the Holy Spirit - member of the Trinity
 - The Spirit bears witness ... [Romans 8:15-17](#)

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. --- [Romans 8:15-17](#) ... NKJV



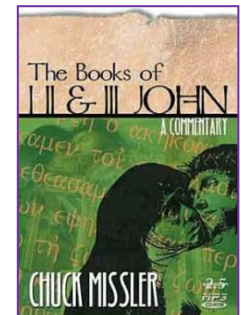
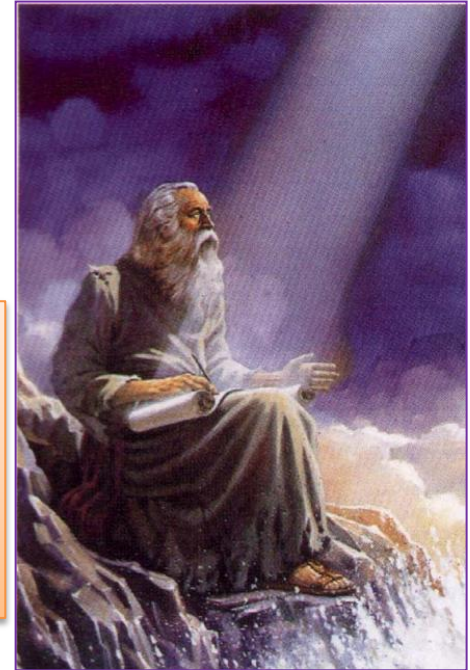
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- The Spirit who bears witness
 - The unsaved (natural man) do not receive the witness or the guidance and comfort He provides ... 1 Corinthians 2:13-14

¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

--- 1 Corinthians 2:13-14 ... NKJV



1 John 5:7-8 - OBSERVATIONS

⁷ For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. ⁸ And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

- **Three that bear witness**

- Not all manuscripts contain from “in heaven ... to on earth”
- Not material to our point for all manuscripts contain the remaining text.

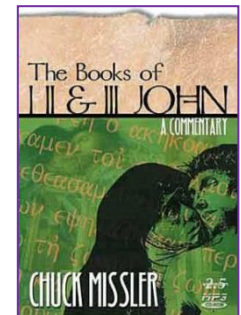
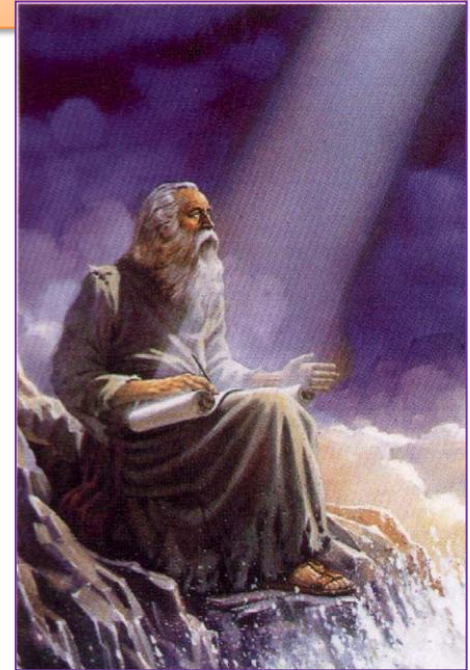
- **What are the three witnesses?**

- The Spirit, the Water, and the Blood

- **Why three witnesses?**

- To establish a fact requires two or three witnesses
... Deuteronomy 19:15

¹⁵ “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established. --- Deuteronomy 19:15 ... NKJV



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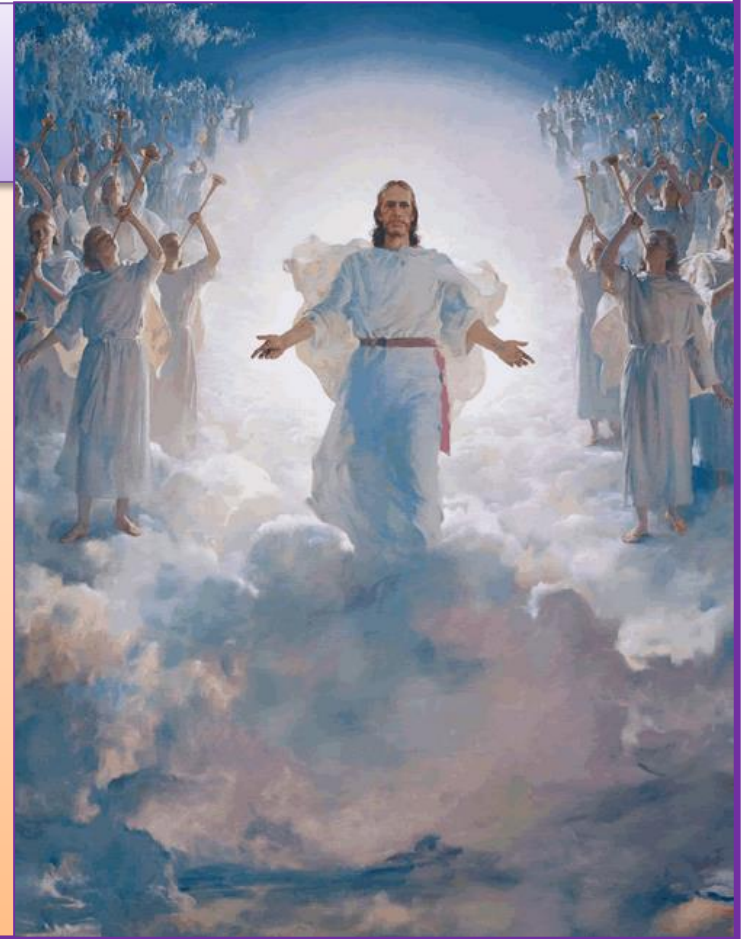
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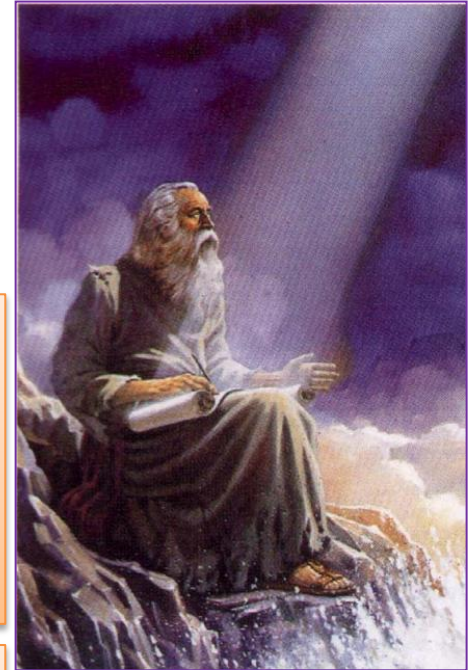
⁹ If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

- The witness of God is greater
 - Why is God's witness greater?
 - Because God cannot lie
 - ... Titus 1:1-3, Numbers 23:19

1 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, **2** in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, **3** but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior; --- Titus 1:1-3 ... NKJV

19 "God *is* not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

--- Numbers 23:19 ... NKJV



1 John 5:10 - OBSERVATIONS

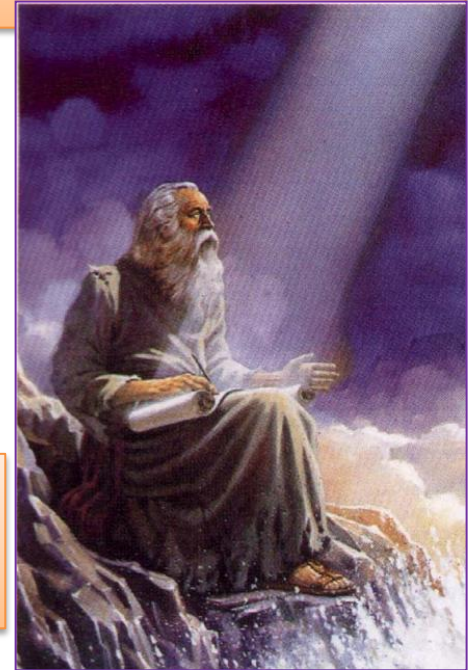
10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

- The witness in himself

IF you believe in the Son of God
THEN you have the witness inside you

- “Born-Again” - Spirit comes to live inside you
- Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? --- 1 Corinthians 6:19 ... NKJV

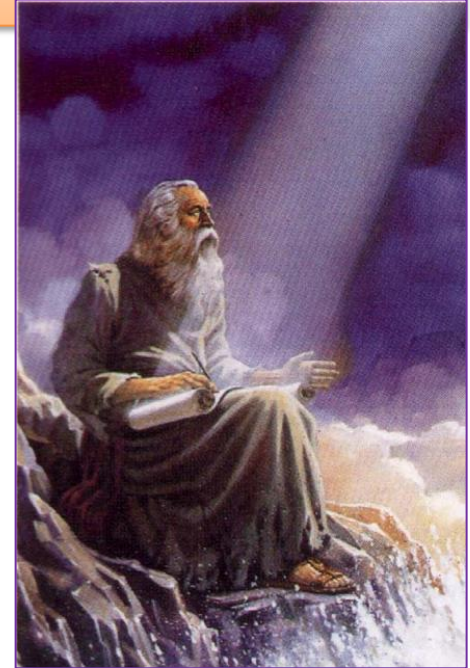


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10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

- **He who does not believe**
 - Stated in the negative ... For emphasis
- IF you do not believe in the Son of God
THEN you make God a liar**
- Because you do not believe God
 - We know God cannot lie
 - So...

**IF you are contradicting Him
THEN you are the liar**



1 John 5:11 - OBSERVATIONS

11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

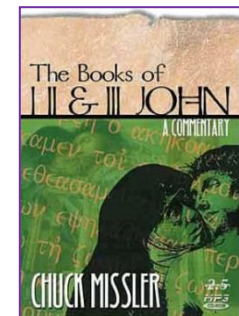
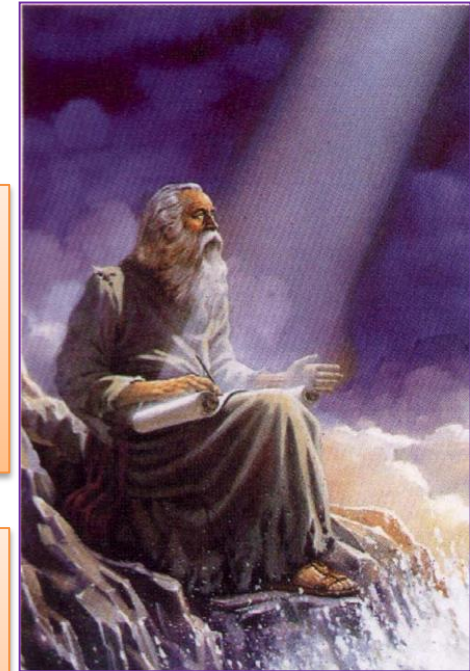
- This is the testimony
 - God has given us eternal life
 - This life is in His Son ... John 3:16-17; Galatians 2:20

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

--- John 3:16-17 ... NKJV

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

--- Galatians 2:20 ... NKJV



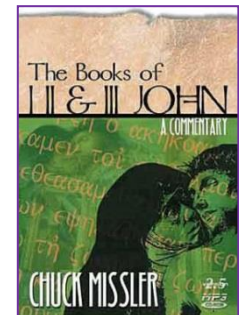
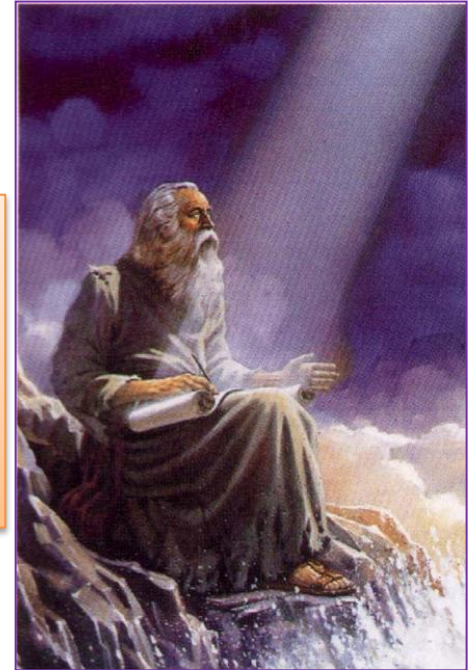
1 John 5:12 - OBSERVATIONS

¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- **Life**
 - Life can only be found in the Son
 - Stated **positively** and **negatively** for emphasis

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

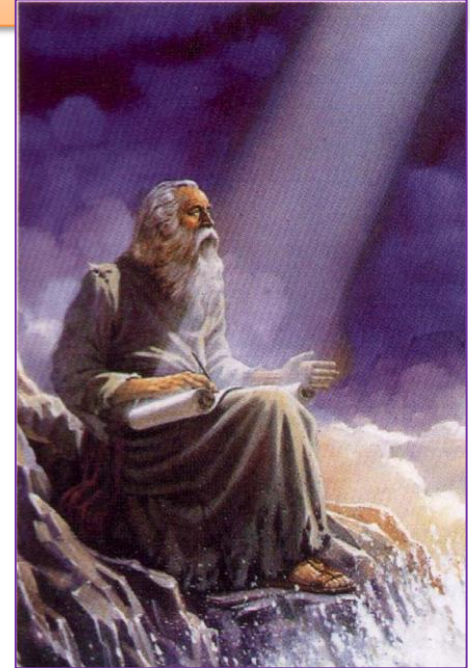
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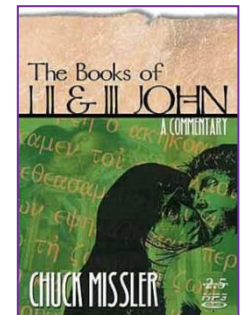
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¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

- Know that you have eternal life
 - You can know for certain
 - Our assurance of eternal life is not based on creedal statement - it is based on belief and trust in a person **... Jesus Christ the Righteous**
 - People lack assurance of their salvation because
 1. They have no basis for assurance - *not "born-again"*
 2. They do not know the Word of God - *saved & sealed*



ARE YOU SURE OF YOUR SALVATION?



WELL DONE, GOOD AND
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