

READ TEXT FROM BIBLE

1John 5:5 *Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

⁶ *This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, (What does water signify for John? Could be Baptism, but that conclusion would play right into the hands of the false teachers and Anti-Christ's who believed the Spirit of God came upon a human man, Jesus and departed before His death on a cross) but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.*

OPTION 1 for WATER=Baptism AND BLOOD=LORD'S SUPPER

Some significant commentaries take this view, but I find it lacking Biblical support from a hermeneutical process that we will see in Option 2...

OPTION 2 for WATER=Baptism-This is the "Dominate View" (Fails Hermeneutics)

SUPPORT: **Mark at Jesus baptism and similar in Luke 3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."**

Why this view fails:

- 1.** The witness of the Father mentions NOTHING about Jesus "Physical" birth, AND John's Gospel mentions NOTHING of Jesus baptism.
- 2.** Jesus was in the temple, recorded in the Gospel of Luke, teaching at 12 years old long before His baptism
- 3.** AND in Matthew's Gospel speaking of Jesus, Matthew states "Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son and they shall call his name Immanuel, which translated from Isaiah 7:14 means "God with us"
- 4.** IF John were using "WATER" as referring to Baptism, he would be throwing gas on the fire of the Anti-Christ's who were teaching Jesus was

merely a man who the Spirit of God came upon at some point in his life, (Most likely His Baptism), Hence it is incredulous that John would make the connection of Baptism/Water as a TRUE WITNESS of the TRUTH ABOUT JESUS!!!!!!!

OPTION 3 for WATER=Physical Birth of Jesus in the FLESH just like every other human baby.

1. ONLY JOHN MAKES THIS TEST OF FALSE TEACHERS...

1John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

2. FOR JOHN, "WATER" AND "BLOOD" BOTH INDICATE HUMANITY

John 1:9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, **and immediately blood and water came out.** John presents Jesus as Fully God AND FULLY MAN! Jesus can't be one or the other, He must be BOTH at His incarnation or birth!!!!

Speaking of Birth... John records WATER as the mark of HUMAN birth in Jesus conversation with Nicodemus...where WATER was NOT baptism, but the mark of HUMAN BIRTH or a BIRTH OF FLESH!

John 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ **"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."** ⁷ "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? ¹¹ "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. ¹² "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ **"No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man."**

Jesus was born just like any other human baby OF THE FLESH THROUGH WATER. A spirit is not "born" in this way. Jesus Christ was a human being going through birth and through death. Not only was he born as other human beings are born, with water coming out, but the manner of his death also showed that he was truly a human being, in that when he was speared in the side, blood came out.

What is the importance of the hypostatic union of Jesus Christ?

1. We have a God who humbled Himself to *our* level so it would be easier for humans to relate to a physical being like ourselves, not just for a season, but for all eternity
2. You can't kill God, therefore His agape for us was vividly portrayed and accomplished on a cross...His suffering and death in exchange for ours
3. Jesus who was tested in all sin, yet victorious. Who understands our challenges, intercedes to the Father on our behalf and strengthens us in times of weakness, loss and pain this side of our future eternal home....

REMEMBER: Seeing the hurting crowds at Lazarus death, "Jesus wept"!

⁹ *If we receive **the testimony of men,***

(THIS is how John opened this book....What **WE** have seen, **WE** have touched and **WE** have heard concerning the Word of Life)

the testimony of God is greater;** for the **testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son.** ¹⁰ **The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself;** the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. ¹¹ **And the testimony is this,** **that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

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

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

You either HAVE the Son or you DON'T

- a. Having the Son....doesn't come from knowledge
- b. Having the Son....NOT religion, NOT church, BUT RELATIONSHIP!

- c. Having the Son....Can only come by FAITH in Jesus Christ
- d. **WATCH THIS:** Christ who lives in you is accompanied by the HS who lives in you and is constantly bearing witness of God's Faithfulness of His promises to you, in which it is impossible for God to lie!

QUESTION: DOES GOD WANT YOU TO GUESS IF YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE OR KNOW FOR SURE?

This is the only test in the Bible for eternal life

This passage makes an awesome way to share Jesus with non-believers or those on the fence....

STEVE: Personal testimony with others...Roses' Mom

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The "ONOMA" of Jesus or fullness of Christ (What's in a NAME**)**

Savior, Messiah, God in a Bod (Flesh), Son of God, ONE with the Father, YHWH of the Old Testament, 1/3 of our Triune God, LORD (That at the NAME of Jesus, every knee shall bow and proclaim Him Lord!

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