

**CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**  
The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ  
*"The Case for Christ—Examining the Testimonies"*  
John 5:31-40 NKJV

[31] "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. [32] There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. [33] You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. [34] Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. [35] He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. [36] But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. [37] And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. [38] But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. [39] You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. [40] But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

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**Inspiration** (Romans 8:16): How is the Holy Spirit moving me?

**Instruction** (2 Tim 3:16): What is God telling me?

**Imitator of Christ** (Ephesians 5:1): How will I serve God by imitating Jesus?

**My prayer this week:**

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why does Jesus emphasize the need for multiple witnesses to confirm His identity?
2. What was the significance of John the Baptist's testimony, and why did Jesus refer to it?
3. How do the works Jesus performed serve as a witness to His divine authority?
4. How does Jesus' statement in verse 34 challenge the way we seek validation or approval from others?
5. Why do you think Jesus accused the religious leaders of not having God's Word abiding in them?

### Bible Reference

**Deuteronomy 19:15** "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.

**Matthew 3:17** And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

**John 8:18** I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."

**John 1:27** It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

**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 has testified of His Son.

**2 Peter 1:19** And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

**John 10:25** Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

**John 10:38** but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."

**John 1:18** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

**John 1:11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

**John 3:19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

**John 8:12** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

**Colossians 2:13 AMP** When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (worldliness, manner of life), God made you alive together with Christ, having [freely] forgiven us all our sins,

**John 15:16-17** [16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. [17] These things I command you, that you love one another.

**John 13:35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

**John 1:12-13** [12] But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, 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.