

104.36. THREE BEAR WITNESS.

The Apostle John says the Spirit, the water & the blood, are 3 things which agree & testify from a heavenly standpoint, that Jesus is the son of God, through the Baptism (water), Ministry (spirit), Crucifixion (blood), as we cannot rely on the testimonies of men to prove who Jesus is.

The spirit John is referencing is the Holy spirit of God that fell, like a dove, on Jesus at his Baptism, Matt 3:16-17, which is when Jesus re-received God's spirit & power to perform miracles & was the beginning of His 3 ½ year ministry.

The Water; In scripture, water represents a cleaning agent, as needed for cleansing our sins, for salvation. God's & Jesus' words brought living water, as seen in the following verses: You will draw water out of the wells of salvation, Isaiah 12:3. Whoever drinks the water I give, will not thirst, the water I give will be a spring of living water & eternal life, John 4:9-14. If any man thirst, let him come unto me & drink, John 7:37. You are clean through the word that I have spoken, John 15:3. Scripture shows that the "Water" is the Holy spoken words.

The Blood; Is The sacrifice of Christ on the cross, to pay for our sins, as Hebrews 9:22 tells us that there is no remission of sins without the shedding of blood. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin, 1 John 1:7. At His baptism & ministry beginning, Jesus received the Holy Spirit. The water is relevant during His ministry & the blood came when Jesus sacrificed everything on the cross.

We take up our cross (die to this world & it's evil temptations) & follow Jesus daily. We must seek, not to dominate others, but to serve them. We live, not for our glory, but for God's, to whom belongs the kingdom & glory & power. The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord & He shall reign forevermore.

Grace is God's goodness toward sinners, mercy is God's goodness toward sufferers. Accepting Jesus as your Savior & as your Lord, are different; as Lord, He is totally in control & we follow Him without question. For Jesus to be our Savior, we have to believe on Him. For Jesus to be our Lord, we must choose & follow His will, over ours.

There was a time when pagan ideas were used to increase the church & rituals began to replace bible study & soon became a vehicle for filling the pews. Over time man-made rites became time honored tradition & some are still connected to Christian religions today. One such example was seen in 1 John 5:7-8, which is said by some to say; There are 3 that bear record in heaven, the father, the word, & the holy ghost & these three are one & there are 3 that bear witness in earth; the spirit, the water & the blood & these 3 agree. This could have you believe that God, Jesus & the Holy spirit are one, if it were actually part of an original biblical manuscript, but this verse was created & added later, as this verse actually say's, there are 3 that testify, the spirit, the water & the blood, without any reference to a father, word or spirit, as these extras were added around the 4th century, when the Emperor Constantine & Roman religious leaders gathered to end the Arian/ Trinitarian war & officially decided that their doctrine should claim God & Jesus as one & 6 decades later gathered to add the holy spirit to this decision..

Many biblical scholars believe this was redone by priests who wanted people to see God as a trinity & it's hung in there with many translations?