

Ten Assertions About Jesus Christ

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Introduction 5:1-3

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been fathered by God, and everyone who loves *the father* also loves the *child* fathered by him.

By this we know that we love the children of God: whenever we love God and keep his commandments.

For this is the love of God: that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

The Victory in Jesus Christ by Faith (5:4-5)

1. because everyone who is fathered by God conquers the world.

God's Promise to Conqueror Satan

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, / cursed are you above all livestock / and above all beasts of the field; / on your belly you shall go, / and dust you shall eat / all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, / and between your offspring and her offspring; / he shall bruise your head, / and you shall bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:14-15, ESV)

Jesus' Finals Words: Overcome the World

His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; **I have overcome the world.**" (John 16:29-33, ESV)

And this is the victory which has conquered the world: our **faith**. Now who is the one who conquers the world except the one who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God? (5:4-5)

Abraham's Faith: Genesis

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir."

And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them."

Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. (Genesis 15:1-6, ESV)

Abraham's Faith: Romans

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. **In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be."** He did not weaken in

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faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. **No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness."**

But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. (Romans 4:13-25, ESV)

Abraham's Faith: Galatians

Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. **And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.** (Galatians 3:5-9 ESV)

But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— **so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.** (Galatians 3:12-14, ESV)

Abraham's Faith: Hebrews

For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you."

And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, **so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.** (Hebrews 6:13-20, ESV)

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. **But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.** (Hebrews 11:13-16, ESV)

The Testimony of Jesus Christ (5:6-9)

2. This is the one who came **by** water and blood—Jesus Christ, not with the water only, but **with** the water and with the blood. (5:6a)
3. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify, the Spirit and the water and the blood, and (5:6b-8a)

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The Water: Baptism and the Spirit

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

And John bore witness:

“I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” (John 1:29-34, ESV)

The Blood: Death of Jesus and the Spirit

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. (John 14:15-20, ESV)

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “**It is finished,**” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would 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. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. **But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.** For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.” (John 19:28-37, ESV)

4. the three are in agreement.

If we receive the testimony of people, the testimony of God is greater, because this is the testimony of God that he has testified concerning his Son. (5:6b-9)

Receive the Testimony: Eternal Life

He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. **Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this,** that God is true. For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. (John 3:31-36, ESV)

The Acceptance of the Testimony of Jesus Christ (5:10-13)

5. (The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. (5:10a)
6. The one who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has testified concerning his Son.) And this is the testimony: that God has given us **eternal life**, and (5:10b-11a)

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God's Testimony: The Eternal Word of Life (1:1-3a)

1. What was from the beginning,
2. what we have heard,
3. what we have seen with our eyes,
4. what we have looked at and
5. *(what)* our hands have touched, concerning the **word of life**— and the life was revealed, and

6. *(what)* we have seen and
7. *(what we have)* testify and
8. *(what we have)* announce to you the **eternal life** which was with the Father and was revealed to us—
9. what we have seen and
10. *(what we have)* heard, we announce to you also,

7. this **life** is in his Son. (5:11b)
8. The one who has the Son has the life; (5:12a)
9. the one who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. (5:12b)
10. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life. (5:13)

Jesus's Testimony of Eternal Life to (the):

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:30-31, ESV)

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