

The True Witness

JOHN 5:5-47

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: **it is not lawful** for thee to carry thy bed.

11 He answered them, **He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.**

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

16 And **therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.**

17 ¶ But Jesus answered them, **My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.**

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, **but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.**

20 For the Father **loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth:** and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father **raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them;** even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, **but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:**

- 23** That all men should honour the Son, even **as they** honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son **honoureth not** the Father which hath sent him.
- 24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
- 25** Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**
- 26** For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;
- 27** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, **because he is the Son of man.**
- 28** Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
- 29** And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.
- 30** I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.
- 31** ¶ **If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.**
- 32** There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.
- 33** Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.
- 34** But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.
- 35** **He was a burning and a shining light:** and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.
- 36** But I have greater witness than that of John: **for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me,** that the Father hath sent me.
- 37** And the Father himself, which hath sent me, **hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.**
- 38** And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.
- 39** Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: **and they are they which testify of me.**
- 40** **And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.**
- 41** I receive not honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I am **come in my Father's name**, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, **which receive honour one of another**, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, **how shall ye believe my words?**

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Revelation 3:20-22,

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

356-4 Now there is a great deal of confusion over this verse because so many personal workers use it in personal evangelism as though Jesus were at the heart's door of every sinner knocking for admission. It would then be said that if the sinner opened the door, the Lord would come in. But this verse is not talking to individual sinners. This whole message has a summation as does every message in every age. In verse 22 it says, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the CHURCHES." So this is the message to the church of the last age. **This is the condition of the Laodicean church as its end nears. It is not a personal message to one person; it is the Spirit telling us where Jesus is. CHRIST HAS LEFT THE CHURCH.**

Is this not the logical result or end if the Word is put aside for creed, the Holy Spirit deposed for popes, bishops, presidents, counselors, etc., and **the Saviour set aside for a works program, or church joining, or some type of conformity to a church system?**

What more can be done against Him? This is the apostasy! This is the falling away!

This is the open door to antichrist, for if One came in His Father's Name (Jesus) and was not received, but rejected, then there will come another with his own name (liar, a pretender) and him they will receive, John 5:43. The man of sin, that son of perdition will take over.

357-1 Matthew 24, mentions signs in the heavens concerning this last day just before Jesus comes. **I wonder if you noticed such a sign recently fulfilled as to portray the**

very truth we have been discussing. That truth is that Jesus has been **steadily pushed aside** until in the last age He is pushed outside the church. Recall that in the **first age it was almost a full orb** church of truth. Yet there was a little error called the deeds of the Nicolaitanes **that kept the circle from being full**. Then in the next age more darkness crept in until the ball of light glowed less, and darkness covered more of the circle. In the third age it was eclipsed still more, and in the fourth age which was the Dark Ages, the light had all but gone.

Now think on this. The church shines in the reflected light of Christ. He is the SUN. The church is the MOON. Thus this orb of light is the moon. It had decreased from almost a full moon in the first age, to a sliver in the fourth age. But in the fifth age it began to grow. In the sixth it took a great step of growth forward. **In part of the seventh age it was still growing, when suddenly it stopped short, and waned to almost a nothingness, so that instead of light it was the blackness of apostasy, and at the end of the age it had ceased to shine for darkness had taken over.** Christ was now outside the church.

Here is the sign in the sky. The last eclipse of the moon was a total eclipse. **It waned to a total darkness in seven stages.** In the seventh stage, the total darkness came as the Pope of Rome (Paul the Sixth) went to Palestine to make a holy tour of Jerusalem. He was the first pope to ever go to Jerusalem. The pope is named Paul the Sixth. Paul was the first messenger and this man goes by that name. Notice it is the sixth, or the number of man. This is more than a coincidence. **And when he went to Jerusalem, the moon or the church went into total darkness.** This is it. This is the end. This generation shall not pass away until all be fulfilled. Even so Lord Jesus, come quickly!

359-1 Now we can see why there were two vines, one true and one false. Now we can see why Abraham had two sons, one after the flesh (that persecuted Isaac) and one after promise. Now we can see how that out of the same parents two boys came forth as twins, one knowing and loving the things of God, and the other knowing much of the same truth, **but not of the same Spirit**, and hence persecuted the child that was elect. God did not reprobate for the sake of reprobation. **He reprobated for the sake of the elect.** ELECT CANNOT persecute elect. ELECT CANNOT harm elect. It is the reprobates that persecute and destroy the elect. Oh, those reprobates are religious. They are smart. They are of the Cain line, the serpent seed. **They build their Babels, they build their cities, they build their empires, and all the while calling on God.** They hate the true seed, **and they will do all they can, (even in the Name of the Lord) to destroy God's elect ones.** But they are needed. "What is the chaff to the wheat?" No chaff, no wheat. But at the end, what happens to the chaff? It is burned with fire

unquenchable. And the wheat? Where is it? It is gathered in His garner. It is where He is.

359-2 Oh elect of God, beware. Study closely. Be careful. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling. **Rely upon God and be strong in His might.** Your adversary, the devil, is even now going about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. **Watch unto prayer and be steadfast.** This is the end time. Both the true and false vine are coming into maturity, but before the wheat matures, those ripened tares must be bound for the burning. See, they are all joining the World Council Of Churches. That is the binding. Soon the garnering of the wheat will come. But right now the two spirits are at work in two vines. Come out from among the tares. Start to overcome that you may be considered praiseworthy for your Lord, and fit to reign and rule with Him.

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66 See, we don't use the gift of God for commercial. No! No! He could tell me where it was at, but I don't have any need of it. I wouldn't even have faith enough to ask Him. See? If I had a need of it, I believe if I'd ask Him, He'd tell me. But first, you see, your motives and objectives has to be right. You have to have reasons for this. God don't give you those things just because you ask. And you cannot ask in faith unless there's a real objective to that, to be in the will of God. See, if you want to be well, what do you want to be well for? See, if you want to be healed, what's the reason you want to be healed? What are you telling God? What do you want to do with your life when you get healed? See, there's got to be... you've got to have a motive and objective, and they have to be right according to the will of God. And then's when the faith is revealed to you, and God by His sovereign grace places that faith in there, then it's over. See? Now see?

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Now remember this. Christ in the True Church is a continuation of the Book of Acts. But the **Book of Revelation shows how that the antichrist spirit would come into the church and defile it, making it lukewarm, formal and powerless. It exposes Satan, revealing his works (attempted destruction of God's people and the discrediting of God's Word) right down to the time he is cast into the lake of fire. He fights that. He cannot stand it. He knows that if the people get the TRUE REVELATION of the TRUE CHURCH and what she is, what she stands for and that SHE CAN DO THE GREATER WORKS, she will be an invincible army. If they get a true revelation of the two spirits within the framework of the Christian church, and by**

God's Spirit discern and withstand the antichrist spirit, Satan will be powerless before her. He will be as definitely thwarted today as when Christ withstood his every effort to gain power over Him in the desert. Yes, Satan hates revelation. But we love it. With true revelation in our lives, the gates of hell cannot prevail against us, but we will prevail over them.