

John 3:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.' Those who do receive Christ's testimony thereby confirm God's truthfulness. Receiving Christ is a double affirmation—of Christ's identity and God's faithfulness in sending Him. The 'seal' imagery suggests authentication, commitment, and ownership. To believe Christ is to seal one's conviction that God keeps His promises.

Historical Context

Sealing documents was common authentication. By receiving Christ, believers 'sign off' on God's integrity. This connects to covenant faithfulness—God promised a Messiah, and receiving Jesus acknowledges fulfillment. Rejection implies God is false; reception declares Him true.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does receiving Christ affirm God's faithfulness to His promises?

2. What does 'setting your seal' mean practically in your relationship with Christ?

Interlinear Text

ό	λαβὼν	αὐτοῦ	τὴν	μαρτυρίαν	ἐσφράγισεν
G3588	He that hath received	his	G3588	testimony	hath set to his seal
	G2983	G846		G3141	G4972
ὅτι	ό	θεὸς	ἀληθής	ἐστιν	
that	G3588	God	true	is	
G3754		G2316	G227	G2076	

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 6:17 (References God): Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

Ephesians 1:13 (Truth): In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

John 6:27 (References God): Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

2 Corinthians 1:18 (Truth): But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.

2 Corinthians 1:22 (Parallel theme): Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.