

John 5:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

Analysis

Jesus refers to 'another that beareth witness of me'—likely the Father (as v. 37 clarifies), though John the Baptist is also in view. His certainty ('I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true') rests on the Father's testimony through works, Scripture, and the Spirit. Reformed theology emphasizes that saving faith requires the Spirit's internal witness confirming Scripture's external witness.

Historical Context

The 'another' (Greek: *allos*, another of the same kind) indicates a personal witness of equal or greater authority than Jesus' own claims. This sets up Jesus' comprehensive argument for His messianic credentials.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does the Father's witness about Christ differ from human testimony?
2. What role does the Spirit's witness play in our certainty about Christ's identity and work?

Interlinear Text

ἄλλος ἔστιν ὁ μαρτυρεῖ περὶ ἐμοῦ καὶ οἶδα ὅτι
another There is G3588 he witnesseth of me and I know that
G243 G2076 G3140 G4012 G1700 G2532 G1492 G3754

ἀληθής ἔστιν ἡ μαρτυρία ἣν μαρτυρεῖ περὶ ἐμοῦ
true There is G3588 the witness which he witnesseth of me
G227 G2076 G3141 G3739 G3140 G4012 G1700

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