

John 8:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

Analysis

Jesus identifies His two witnesses: Himself and the Father who sent Him. This astounding claim asserts both His deity (His testimony counts) and the Father's testimony to Him. The Father's witness includes the voice at Jesus' baptism, the signs Jesus performs, and the Scripture's testimony. Reformed theology emphasizes Scripture as the Father's testimony to the Son.

Historical Context

The Father's witness to Jesus included the voice from heaven at His baptism (John 1:32-34) and transfiguration (Matt 17:5), the Spirit's anointing, and fulfilled prophecy.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the Father testify to Jesus in Scripture?
2. What evidence convinces you of Jesus' divine identity?
3. How can you bear witness to Christ based on the Father's testimony?

Interlinear Text

ἐγώ	είμι	ό	μαρτυρεῖ	περὶ	ἐμαυτοῦ	καὶ	μαρτυρεῖ
I	am	G3588	beareth witness	of	myself	and	beareth witness
G1473	G1510		G3140	G4012	G1683	G2532	G3140
περὶ	ἐμοῦ	ό	πέμψας	με	πατήρ		
of	me	G3588	that sent	me	the Father		
G4012	G1700		G3992	G3165	G3962		

Additional Cross-References

John 8:51 (Parallel theme): Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

John 10:9 (Parallel theme): I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

John 8:38 (Parallel theme): I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

John 8:58 (Parallel theme): Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

John 10:11 (Parallel theme): I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Hebrews 2:4 (Witness): God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

John 8:12 (Parallel theme): Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 14:6 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 10:14 (Parallel theme): I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

John 10:30 (Parallel theme): I and my Father are one.

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