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"By Water and Blood"

1 Jn. 5:6

1. The water and blood that flowed from Jesus' side after He was pierced with a spear at the crucifixion (Augustine)
2. The two ordinances of the church: the water of baptism and the blood of the Lord's Table (the Reformers)
3. Two key events in Jesus' earthly ministry: His baptism and death (Tertullian)

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 - The Spirit (6c)

The Testimony of the Spirit

1. The Spirit testified to Jesus' identity in His baptism by telling John the Baptist how to identify the Messiah (Jn. 1:29-34).
2. The Spirit testified to Jesus' identity in His death through...
 - Pilate's Inscription (Jn. 19:19)
 - The Testimony of the Jewish Leaders (Lk. 23:2; Jn. 19:7)
 - The Testimony of the Repentant Thief (Lk. 23:42)
 - The Testimony of the Roman Soldiers (Mk. 15:39)
 - Jesus' Subsequent Resurrection (Rom. 1:4)

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- Two Events (7-8)

b. The Ultimate Witness (9)

The Testimony of the Father

1. At Jesus' baptism (Mt. 3:17)
2. At Jesus' Transfiguration (Mt. 17:5)
3. On Tuesday of the Passion Week (Jn. 12:28)
4. In the Miracles at the Cross (Mt. 27:45, 51-53)

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 - B. God's Testimony that Eternal Life Is a Gift of His Grace Received by Faith in His Son's Person & Work (10-12)