



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **1 John 5:6-12 Study Hints for Discussion**

#### **[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)**

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

#### **1. How did Jesus come into the world?**

Jesus came by water and blood.

#### **2. What do you think John meant by how he described Jesus’ coming?**

Jesus came in the flesh, as a real man, as a human person, and not like the Gnostics meant, who thought the material human body was evil; therefore, the Son of God would not really come in a human body but only appear to come that way. Jesus was born with real water and blood within Him, and He was a real human being. He showed that the human body is not evil.

**3. In what way or ways did Jesus come by the first way John taught? How did the first way testify to us about Jesus? How do we respond?**

Jesus came by water. Jesus was born of a woman, Mary, so He was born of water. Jesus was baptized in water by John the Baptist, and the Father called Jesus His beloved Son and the Holy Spirit descended on Him at His baptism. We respond in belief and baptism, for Jesus and the Apostles commanded believers to be baptized and publicly proclaim their faith in Jesus as the Christ and Son of God, and their Lord and Savior.

**4. In what way or ways was it important that John stressed the second way? How did the second way testify to us about Jesus? How do we benefit?**

It was important for John to describe the second way, because Jesus was a human person just like us. But more importantly, John testified that he saw blood and water pour forth from Jesus when the soldier pierced His side with a spear. Most importantly, Jesus shed blood cleanses believers from all sin.

**5. How did John describe the third way that testified about Jesus? Why do we believe in Jesus because of this third testimony?**

The third way John described was the way of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit agreed and agrees with the testimony of the water and the blood that Jesus is truly the Son of God. And the testimony of all three is: “God has

given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” We believe the Spirit “because the Spirit is the truth,” and the Spirit testifies directly to our minds and hearts and we become convinced that what God says is true.

### **Thinking Further for Extra Credit Your Discussion Notes**

1. Why is God’s testimony greater than human testimony? Why do so many reject God’s testimony but easily believe human testimony?
2. What does God consistently testify about in the Gospel of John?
3. After they learn the truth about Jesus, what do unbelievers make God out to be?
4. What has God given us and where can it be found?
5. What does “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life” mean and mean to you?

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