



In the ancient world <sup>(4)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ witnesses were needed to verify a truth:

- Witness #1: Miracles.
- Witness #2: Wonders.
- Witness #3: Signs.

The early church had this testimony.

*II Corinthians 12:12—“Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.”*

This was God’s Old Testament <sup>(5)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_!

*Acts 7:36—“He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.”*

### **Point #3: The Death and Resurrection of Christ is Our Salvation – v. 23-32**

Peter’s third point of Christianity looked <sup>(6)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus satisfied the <sup>(7)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of humanity spending eternity in fellowship with God.

*Romans 8:1-4—“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”*

- The law taught us God’s “perfect” standard – v. 3
- The “flesh” was not able to maintain it – v. 3
- The “flesh” had to be punished on account of sin – v. 2
- Jesus’ human life “met” God’s perfect standard – v. 4
- Jesus’ human death “satisfied” God’s justice of sin – v. 2

The disciples claimed to be <sup>(8)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of the resurrected Christ.

### **Point #4: The Holy Spirit is Our Gift and Our Help – v. 33**

Peter’s fourth point of Christianity looked <sup>(9)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

The Holy Spirit was presented as <sup>(10)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, not just theological.

**QUESTION:** What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life?

*I Timothy 1:12-14—“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”*

### **Point #5: The Gospel is for the Family – v. 34-39**

Peter’s fifth point of Christianity looked <sup>(11)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

Many times in the New Testament entire <sup>(12)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ came to faith in Christ.

*Acts 10:23b-24; 34; 44; 47-48 (NIV)—“The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa went along. <sup>24</sup>The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.*

*<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to [preach].*

*<sup>44</sup>While Peter was [preaching] these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.*

*<sup>47</sup>“Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.”*

*Acts 16:25-34 (NIV)—“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody’s chains came loose. <sup>27</sup>The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”*

*<sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.*

*<sup>30</sup>He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”*

*<sup>31</sup>They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” <sup>32</sup>Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup>At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. <sup>34</sup>The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.”*

*II Timothy 1:5—“I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.”*