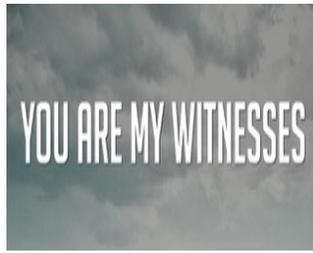


## ***“You Are My Witnesses!”***



### **Part 5: “GOD: Holy, Loving and Merciful”**

**Isaiah 6:1-8; Exodus 34:5-7; Habakkuk 3:1-2; I John 4:7-8**

Introduction: A loving mother and father who are following Christ are gifts from God because they reflect HIS love for HIS children.

#### **Romans 8:16:**

Our goal in being witnesses for Jesus is to tell the truth about how to KNOW that you are a child of God.

While the world’s attention is focused on physical death all around us, there is something worse: spiritual death!

#### **John 17:3:**

*Because God is holy and just He must punish sin ... and because He is loving and merciful He makes a way for sinners to come to Him.*

### **III John 4:**

#### **I. God is HOLY!**

The true knowledge of God must begin with the vision of His holiness.

#### **Isaiah 6:1-8:**

**Exodus 3:5:** What made the ground “holy?” GOD was there!!

#### **Psalms 96:9; Hebrews 12:14 ...**

#### **Revelation 4:3-11:**

Scripture points to the unfathomable distance between God’s holiness and our sin ... a gap too large for any human to bridge.

God’s holiness demands judgment! God is the perfect Judge, “*who will by no means clear the guilty.*” - **Exodus 34:7**

#### **II. God is LOVE!**

#### **Ephesians 2:1-6:**

You must understand God’s love for His children if you are ever going to rejoice in His love for YOU ... and love Him back!!

Many today wrongly imagine that God loves EVERYBODY in the same way that He loves His children. (See **II Peter 3:9**)

God reveals His love as an “electing love,” a love so powerful that it always accomplishes its purpose.

#### **Matthew 23:37:**

God’s love IN CHRIST is offered to the world, but apart from grace no one would receive it.

#### **John 6:37:**

There is no “maybe” in God’s love for His children, and no doubt in His ability to save those upon whom He has set His love.

#### **Ephesians 1:3-6:**

God’s love for His children effectively chooses, calls, regenerates, justifies, forgives and reconciles! God’s love actually SAVES His children from spiritual death and gives them abundant life in Christ!!

#### **I John 4:7-19:**

### **III. God is MERCIFUL!**

God shows mercy in a general way to all ... but it is only we who know His love in Christ who receive the result of mercy in forgiveness and eternal life.

#### **Habakkuk 3:2:**

**Romans 9:14-24:** “*He has mercy on whomever He wills, and He hardens whomever He wills*” (vs. 18).

None of us was born into God’s family except by His sovereign grace through the power of His Spirit.

#### **I Peter 2:9-10:**