

The Message • Pastor Ron Smith

*The Apologetics of Jesus*

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# Equal with God

**John 14:9** He who has seen Me has seen the Father.

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.



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# The Old Testament Teaches the Trinity

**Isaiah 48:16** Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I *was* there. And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit Have sent Me.



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# To Dishonor the Son Is to Dishonor the Father

**John 5:21-23** For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.



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# The Witnesses

1. Christ Himself (v. 31)
2. The Holy Spirit (v. 32)
3. John The Baptist (v. 33)
4. The Father (v. 37)
5. The Old Testament (vs. 39-45)



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# 1<sup>st</sup> – Christ Himself

**John 5:31** If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true [valid].

**John 8:14** Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true.”



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Holy Spirit

**I John 5:6** And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.



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# 3<sup>rd</sup> – John the Baptist

**John 5:33** You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.



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## 4<sup>th</sup> – The Father

**John 5:37** And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. <sup>38</sup> But you do not have His word abiding in you, **because** whom He sent, Him you do not believe.



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# 5<sup>th</sup> – The Old Testament

**John 5:39** You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. <sup>40</sup> But you are **not willing** to come to Me that you may have life.

**John 5:45** Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; **there is one who accuses you**--Moses, in whom you trust. <sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. <sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?



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# The Function of Moses (Romans 3:19)

Now we know that whatever the law says,  
it says to those who are under the law,  
that every mouth may be stopped,  
and all the world may become guilty before God

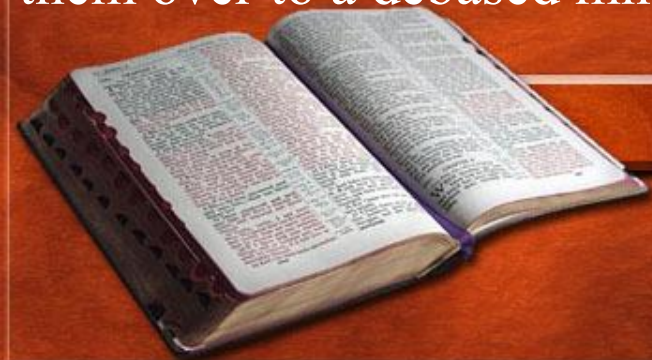


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# Men Are Without Excuse

**Romans 1:6** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is **revealed** from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” <sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is **revealed** from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because what **may be known** of God is **manifest** in them, for **God has shown it** to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are **clearly seen**, being **understood** by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that **they are without excuse**, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened

<sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things that are not fitting



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