

# Shelton Park Church of God

## *...From the Pastors Desk*

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### **“THE FAITHFUL WITNESS”**

#### *Revelation 1:5*

*“And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.”*

The word, “FAITHFUL,” comes from the Greek word, “*pistos*,” which is defined to be: trustworthy, believing, sure, and true. What other word do we know that can better define our Lord and Savior! Jesus is Trustworthy, Believing, Sure, and True! There is no other that we can absolutely say that about!

In our text, the writer John is writing to the Seven Churches in Asia to record unto them the visions of God that he received while in exile on the Isle of Patmos. John describes the Author. First, “from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come,” this being God the Father. Second, “and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne, this being the Holy Ghost. And, Third, he describes the Son, Jesus Christ. His description of Christ is undoubtedly perfect in nature. He calls Him the “Faithful Witness.” Our question is, what is Christ a Witness to? Of course in the Greek the word, “**Witness**,” ~ **μάρτυς** Transliteration: **martys** ~ bears two meanings. The First meaning is here in our text where the word is defined as martyr. So John is saying that Christ is the **Faithful Martyr**.

In John 18:37, we find the second meaning as Christ stands before Pilate, “*Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.*” Here we find that Christ is the witness of Truth! The word, “witness,” here means to, “**bear record or testify.**”

So in both cases we can definitely say that Christ was and forever shall be faithful. He was faithful in His life, death, and resurrection. And Christ is the faithful witness of the truth. He bears and testifies the absolute record. In Revelation 19:11, the scripture records of His name being, “**Faithful and True!**” And He is the “**Prince of the Kings of the earth!**”

So until next week, let us always keep in mind and spirit the nature of our Supreme Savior!

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