

## A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED UPON JOHN'S FIRST EPISTLE

### YOU CAN KNOW FOR SURE

1 John 4:14 “. . .we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.”

John, the writer of today's devotional verse, heard the very voice of God say of Jesus, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him. . .” (Matthew 17:5) In today's verse John says of himself, “we have seen. . .that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the World.” Through John, then, you have a first-hand account, an eye witness, a reliable source of information concerning who Jesus is and God's purpose for sending Him into the world.

John, this reliable source, this eye witness, a man who heard the voice of God say Jesus is the Savior of the world “testifies” to you what he has seen and heard. The Greek word from which the English word testifies is translated means, “witness to facts, truths or views.” The background of this Greek word has in mind that this testimony demands much care and deliberation and consideration. Thus, what John writes is not an off-handed, spontaneous, emotional statement, but one based on facts he has personally obtained from God Himself.

The Holy Spirit, through John's pen transfers all that John experienced at the Mount of Transfiguration where God called Jesus “His beloved Son” and having heard God say “Listen to Him.” Think of the importance of what John shares with you through these brief words of verse 14. John, like a witness in a court of law under oath, says to you, “I am an eyewitness, I have heard with my own ears and seen with my own eyes God's revelation of His Son Jesus and declaration of the fact that He is “the Savior of the world.”

Knowing how Satan and the world make every effort to give countering testimony to Jesus being the Savior of the world, God personally revealed His Son and verified His work as Savior of the World through eyewitnesses such as John, Peter and James. This God did for your certainty, assurance and confidence that Jesus is your personal Savior from Sin and the way for you to receive God's gift of eternal life. To you John says in today's devotional verse, “. . .I have seen and testify” to

you so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will believe that Jesus is your personal Savior.

Prayer: O Lord, through the pen of John, You have given me blessed assurance that Jesus I my Lord and my Savior. Keep me confident in this Good News. In His holy name. Amen.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
Refrain: This I my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
Tis is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
Refrain:

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
Refrain:  
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