

GOD'S WITNESSES ON EARTH

1. Definition:
 - A. MARTUS or MARTUR is the Greek word and means one who has seen, heard, or knows about the Lord Jesus Christ and is willing to stand up for that belief when under pressure to deny Christ. Acts 22:20.
 - B. It means to bear witness or testimony of what you know to be true! John 1:7-15, John “came to bear witness of the LIGHT, that all through Him might believe.” (Christ is the Light).
 - C. A witness is someone who has a purpose in his life, to tell about his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will spread the thinking of Christ all over the earth while he is on it to those who have been prepared by the Father to hear. John 6:44.
 - D. You are not to witness for Christ unless the Father stands with you (John 8:18). This means that what you say must line up with what the Father says in heaven so you must know the Word of God.
2. God is a witness of the faithfulness of the believer's ministry on earth, Roman 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 2:5, 10.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ was martyred for His doctrinal stand and is called the “True Witness of God,” Revelation 1:5; 3:14.
4. There are certain believers who are martyred in each generation as faithful witnesses for Christ, Revelation 2:13; 17:6.
5. During the tribulation there will be witnesses of God on the earth to give forth the message of grace, Revelation 11:3.
6. God's witness on earth depends upon faithful men and women giving forth God's viewpoint and living a lifestyle that promotes that viewpoint. Acts 7:1-60; Acts 1:8, 22, 2:32; 3:15; 5:32; and 10:39.
7. The believer's of certain geographical areas witness the faithfulness or faithlessness of the communicators there. 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12, 2 Timothy 2:2.
8. God records a hall of fame of His witnesses in Hebrews 11. They are called a

“cloud of witnesses” in Hebrews 12:1. This shows us that God has had His witness in every generation since man was taken out of the Garden of Eden. The first witness was Abel. Romans 3:21; John 19:35; 21:24.

9. God’s true witness on earth is God the Holy Spirit, for without His work no one would or could be convicted of truth and no one could be saved. 1 John 5:6-12. 1 Corinthians 2:4; Hebrews 2:4.
10. The Bible is the witness that Christ is God and that there is a Trinity of which He belongs and is co-equal with. John 5:39, Hebrews 7:8, 17.
11. The works of Christ are the witness of His deity. John 5:36; 10:25.
12. God may summon you to stand for Him in court as His witness, Acts 20:26. Galatians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:11.
13. Accurate witnessing may often include a rebuke of false doctrine as seen in Titus 1:13. This is designed to warn believers they are promoting the wrong gospel or teaching false doctrine.