

Bearing Witness for Christ

Isaiah 43:10-12

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Definition: OT: `edah –

- Refers to the act of testifying to a fact or an event. (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- Examples:
 - Abimelech. Genesis 21:30
 - A heap of stones. Genesis 31:52
- Required by the Law. Deuteronomy 17:6-7; 19:15; cf. Matthew 18:15; 1 Timothy 5:19

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Definition: NT *marturías*; A witness, certification (John 1:7), testimony (Mark 14:55,56,59; Luke 22:71), that which someone witnesses or states concerning a person or thing (Acts 22:18; 1 Timothy 3:7; Titus 1:13). (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

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Examples:

- Jesus. John 5: 31, 33, 36, 39; cf. John 8:14; cf. John 18:23
- Holy Spirit. John 15:26-27
- Apostles. Acts 1:8, 22; 2:32; 3:14-15; 4:33; 5:30-32; 10:39-41; 13:31; cf. Luke 24:48
- Paul. cf. Acts 26:16; 1 Corinthians 15:12-15, cf. verse 8; 2 Corinthians 8:3

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Is it possible for men to be witnesses of Jesus Christ today?

- Paul told Timothy to preach the Word of God. 2 Timothy 4:2
- The gospel is the only proper avenue of testimony to bring men to Jesus. Romans 1:16

The Testimony Of Scripture

Inspired. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The very words, selected by the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:7-13; cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:20-21

Reveal "*all truth*." John 16:13

"All things that pertain to life and godliness." 2 Peter 1:3 **NOTE: Complete**

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All Sufficient. (Profitable) 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"Doctrine, teaching" –

Doctrine of Christ. 2 John 9

Same as:

Apostles Doctrine Acts 2:42

Opposite of:

Doctrines of men. Matthew 15:8-9

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"Reproof" – convict, show to be wrong ...

Ephesians 5:11; 2 Timothy 4:2

- 2 Peter 2:1-2 Promotes destructive heresies- **opposed** truth.
- Romans 16:17 Cause division/stumbling **contrary** to doctrine learned.
- 1 Timothy 1:3,10-11 Another doctrine, **contrary** to sound doctrine.
- Galatians 1:6-9 **Contrary** doctrine prohibited (even though teacher is an angel or apostle – Galatians 2:11-14)

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"Correction" –

- "setting up straight again" (Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- "amendment" (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament)
- "correcting faults" (Greek-English Lexicon Based on Semantic Domain)

Ephesians 4:17
Colossians 3:5

Put off – Put on

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"Instruction which is in righteousness" –

- Educates, instructs, trains. cf. 1 Timothy 1:8-11; 2:4

- cf. **Titus 2:11 "deny" *aparneomai*** – to affirm that one has no connection with. cf. Matthew 26:34-35,75 (Strong)

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Efforts To Avoid The Testimony Of Scripture

- **"No such thing as absolute truth."** cf. John 17:17; 8:32; Acts 26:25; Romans 1:25
- **Make fun of the Scriptures.**
 - Romans 1:18 SUPPRESS the truth in unrighteousness. Why? Note verse 23 lowered the dignity of God.
 - 2 Timothy 3:8 RESIST the truth. Why? Note verse 5
- **Ashamed of the Bible's intolerance.** These apologize for what the Bible says. 1 Peter 4:11; cf. Luke 5:5
- **"This is what it means to me."** What does it mean to you? – Colossians 3:17; Ephesians 3:3; 5:17; 1 Corinthians 4:17

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