

I John 5:6, 10 – “It is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth...He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself.”

#### PRAYER AND THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT

The Spirit of truth bears witness to the truth. When we believe in the Son of God for salvation, we receive the inward witness to the absolute truth of God. The Holy Spirit witnesses to the truth of God in creation (Romans 1:18-20). He witnesses to the truth in the human heart (Romans 2:1-3). He witnesses to the truth of the revealed Word of God (II Timothy 3:16). When you pray in the Spirit, He will witness to you when you seek God’s will. “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God” (Romans 8:16). When you pray God’s will, the Spirit will witness to God’s will in your own spirit. When God answers your prayer according to His will, the Spirit will witness to it in your spirit. This is mysterious. Prayer is mysterious. The Holy Spirit is mysterious. The witness of the Spirit is mysterious. The reason many saints don’t have faith for prayer, is because they want an explanation. What can’t be explained, must be accepted by faith. Are you willing to believe and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you where your mind can’t? If not, prayer will never make sense to you. Did you get that? “Sense.” You can’t follow the Holy Spirit and your senses at the same time. Senses are functions of the body. They are faculties by which the body perceives external stimuli. Sense can also refer to a feeling that something is the case. Prayer is not supposed to make sense. It has nothing to do with sense. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9). Faith never makes sense. God’s ways can’t be explained. They can only be accepted by faith. The Spirit will provide the faith and the inward witness if you want them. If not, hold off on prayer. It won’t make sense.