closely. John says “God has life, eternal life, life that goes on for ever”. God has to have that LIFE surely to be God. If He didn’t then He would be human just like us and not much help to us either. John then says “God gave that life to Jesus Christ and when believers receive Jesus into their lives they have that life too”. He that has the Son has life, he that does not have the Son does not have life” is what is written. If you have life you have the Son, you have the witness in yourself. Jesus comes and testifies in you, in your heart, that you have eternal life. So every believer becomes a witness too. So many Christians have lived over the past 2 millennia witnessing to the Lord Jesus, having the evidence in themselves. Lots of good evidence and they all give testimony of Jesus being their Saviour and forgiving their sins.

Can we be sure? Luke believed his friend could be certain. Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles too and says to the same friend that Jesus was “seen alive by many infallible proofs”, totally certain. If the proof of the resurrection of Jesus is so strong based on such good evidence then we can be sure so that we can believe what Jesus says.

If you don’t have Jesus you don’t have life, you may live in your body but that is just existence not life. It is not the life that Jesus promises, eternal life. Believe the overwhelming evidence, look for yourself into the Bible and read it, it is all there. Receive Jesus Christ by believing on Him and you will have the witness, the evidence in yourself and will know that you have the life that God has promised you and always wanted you to receive from Him.

You can pray the prayer on the next page and know that Jesus will answer your prayer because He loves you.

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for helping me when I could not help myself. . I confess to you that I have sinned and done things against the will of God. Please forgive me and cleanse me from all my sin.
Please come into my heart and change me so that I can truly serve you for the rest of my life.
I realise that without you I have no hope in this world but that with you I have eternal life
Lord Jesus thank you. I now belong to you and I rejoice in you as my Saviour and can now truly call you Lord.
Amen

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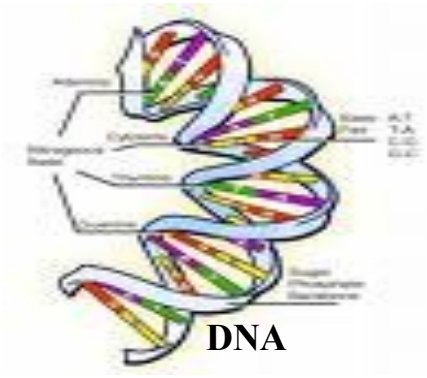
The evidence that God has given

Everybody wants evidence for everything. Drugs and medical treatments are thoroughly tested so doctors can carry out "evidence based" patient care. When serious crimes are committed intense forensic examinations are carried out to look for irrefutable evidence, infallible proof, as to who committed the crime and often how it was committed. The availability of DNA tests can prove who is the father of a child or who handled the weapon. Fingerprints again can show who touched what. We love evidence, real proof; then everyone can be sure.

Eye witness evidence is also of great value. People love to attend sporting events to witness first-hand what happened, "I know because I was there" is a popular phrase. TV images are shown all over the world of disasters, famines, wars, important events and so on. It is meant to help those who can't be present to witness what has gone on. We all want to see, "seeing is believing".

In the Bible, in the gospel of Luke. Luke, a doctor in his day and used to trying to solve problems, says this to the friend to whom he wrote. I write "That you might know the certainty of those things in which you have been instructed". Luke then goes on to write an account of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; so his friend could be certain. "But that is religion" you may say "No one can be certain about religion". Well lets look at the evidence. If God is real and true and Jesus Christ is His Son and the things about Jesus are true then God will have provided some pretty good evidence; so we can all be certain.

There was no DNA evidence in 30AD, no fingerprints, no forensic scientists but there were lots of eyewitnesses to tell of what they saw. God was using the best evidence at the time. Paul the apostle in one of his letters gives a list, for example, of the people who saw Jesus after His resurrection. Lots of them, 400 at one time and many



DNA

are alive today. Paul says. "Go and ask them and ask me too, I saw Jesus on that journey. I know He is alive and He changed my life". John and Peter saw Jesus, Thomas did, all the disciples did, Mary did, lots of eyewitnesses. That's the evidence that courts like. The basis of what Peter preached in Jerusalem was "God has raised Jesus from the dead and we ARE witnesses, we have seen Him alive".

But if God is God then surely He can provide even more evidence. Yes, He can but it is even better than the evidence than humans can find. Experts gather evidence after the event. They go round with their swabs, their tweezers taking samples, photographs and so on. How about evidence before the event, experts can't do that but God did. In the Old Testament there are many prophecies, mostly 1000 years before Jesus was born, that tell us where He would be born, what His mother would be like. They tell us that Jesus would work miracles, that He would die on the cross, even exactly what would happen to His clothes when he was crucified. The most amazing thing in the prophecies is that Jesus would rise again from the dead. Sounds unbelievable but it was all fulfilled in the life of Jesus.

A lecturer at a university in the USA when challenged about whether Jesus was the Messiah the Jews were looking for did some research and came up with some amazing statistics. He calculated that the odds against Jesus being who He says He was are and doing what He did are so great they work out to be even greater than the odds quoted in DNA evidence. Yes God has gone one better than DNA, better odds more certainty. Peter preached that David the King was a witness of the resurrection of from the dead of Jesus Christ when he wrote in his Psalm 16 "It was not possible that death should hold Him". That was a 1000 years before Jesus came. Yes evidence before the event, 1000 years before, then we are dealing with Almighty God and He wants us to be sure.

And there is more evidence too. Each person who believes on Jesus Christ and receives Him as their Lord ,the apostle John tells us "Has the witness, or testimony or evidence, in himself".

That may sound odd but let us look at it