

**Instrumental
Music**

**Orphan's
home,
Fellowship hall**

**Sponsoring
church**

**There are many who label
their church's worship,
organization, as "good"**

**Funds for
the
community**

**Upon what do they base
this? How do we
determine what is "good"?**

John 5:30-47

- **Contains an interesting context:**
 - **V.31** – Proves that the Son and the Father are not the same person
 - United Pentecostals believe otherwise
 - **V.31** – Jehovah's Witness claim Christ was not deity (God) but was a created being
 - Yet, **John 8:14** says otherwise, as well as **John 1:1-5**
 - Context makes a big difference
 - Context of **John 5** shows that Jesus can rely on other witnesses to establish the authority of who He claims to be

**John the
Baptizer, v.33**

**His works,
v.36**

**The Father,
v.37**

**Jesus emphasizes authority
John 5:17-18, 30-47**

**The Scriptures,
v.39**

**Moses' writings,
v.45-47**

Jesus' emphasis on authority

- Jesus “cried out” about it
 - “cried out” (*krazo*) = “croak as a raven, scream”
 - **John 7:28** – Jesus establishes His authority
 - “know” (*eido*) = “absolute knowledge”
 - **John 12:44-46** – Jesus establishes belief in the Father
- Some people feel that establishing authority isn't necessary or important...yet Jesus “cried out” about His unique authority, considered it necessary and important

Jesus' emphasis on authority

- **Jesus established authority for a specific purpose**
 - **John 5:33-34** – Jesus appealed to five different sources of authority for the express purpose of driving people to belief and salvation – why did He need to bother with appealing to authority??
 - His example shows the need to have authority for all that we do - If the Son of God considered it important and necessary, we should also!

Jesus' emphasis on authority

- Will we emphasize authority as Jesus did?
 - By not just **assuming** something is “good”, but basing it upon the **Scriptures**?
 - By “**crying out**” about it by emphasizing its importance?
 - By appealing to God’s authority **for a purpose**, not to “prove we are right”?
John 5:33-34
- Jesus emphasized authority...will we?