

# The Johannine Comma

## *1 John 5:7-8*

### King James Version:

1John 5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record *in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth*, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

The following manuscripts support the addition of the “Comma” to the text:

### *With addition in the body-text of 1 John 5*

61 (16th Century)  
629 (14th Century)  
918 (16th Century)

### *With addition in the margin written in a hand-style more recent than the manuscript:*

88 (19th Century addition to a 12th Century manuscript)  
221 (15th Century addition to a 10th Century manuscript)  
429 (17th Century addition to a 14th Century manuscript)  
636 (19th Century addition to a 15th Century manuscript)

### *With addition in the margin, but written in Latin*

2318 (18th Century)

### New American Standard Bible:

1John 5:6 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

Supported by the majority of all manuscripts (more than 500 copies), including all of the oldest and best examples dating from the mid-4th Century.