



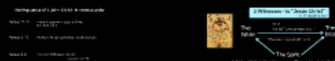
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A photograph of a snow-capped mountain peak, likely Mount Everest, under a cloudy sky. A red rectangular frame is overlaid on the mountain, and the text "SECURE STANDING" is written in white capital letters across the center of the frame.

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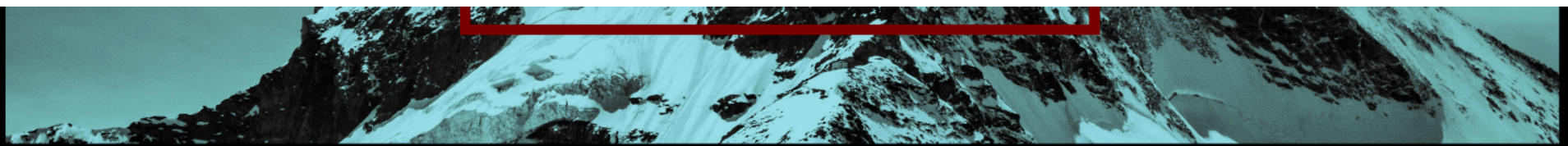
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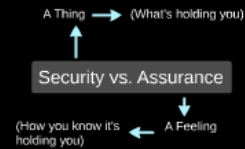
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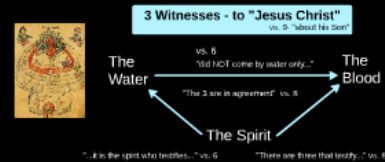
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Security vs. Assurance



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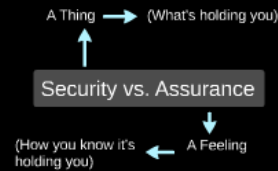
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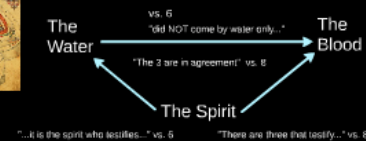
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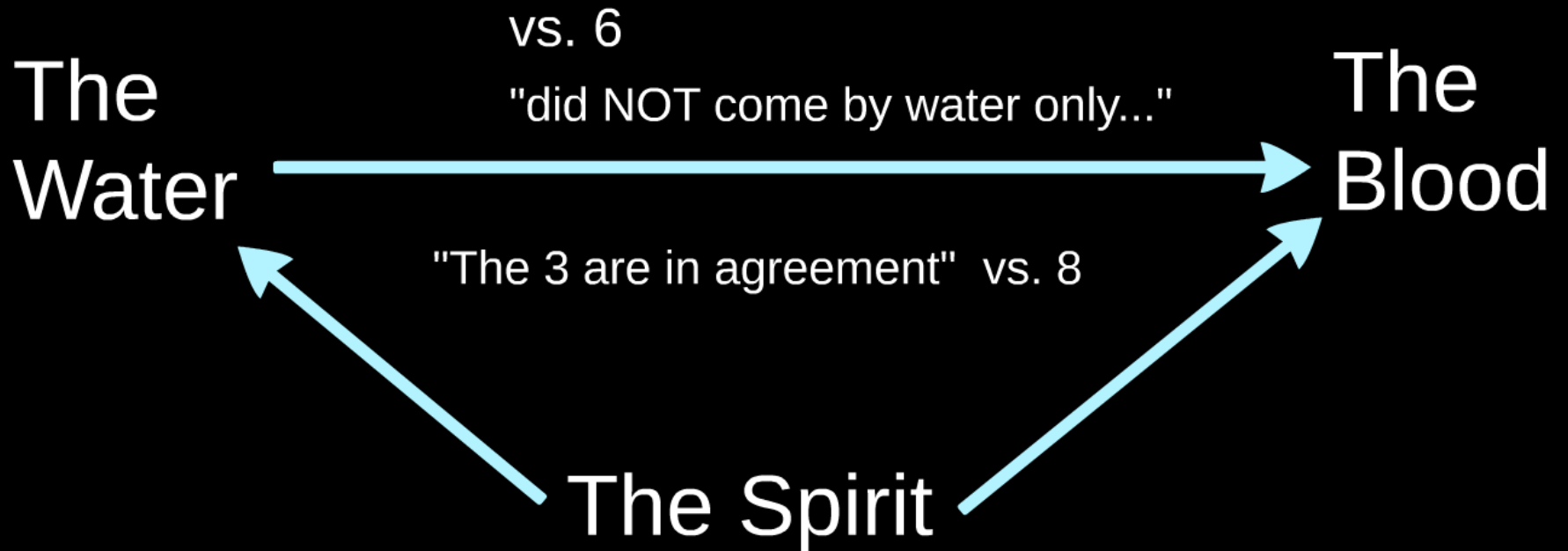
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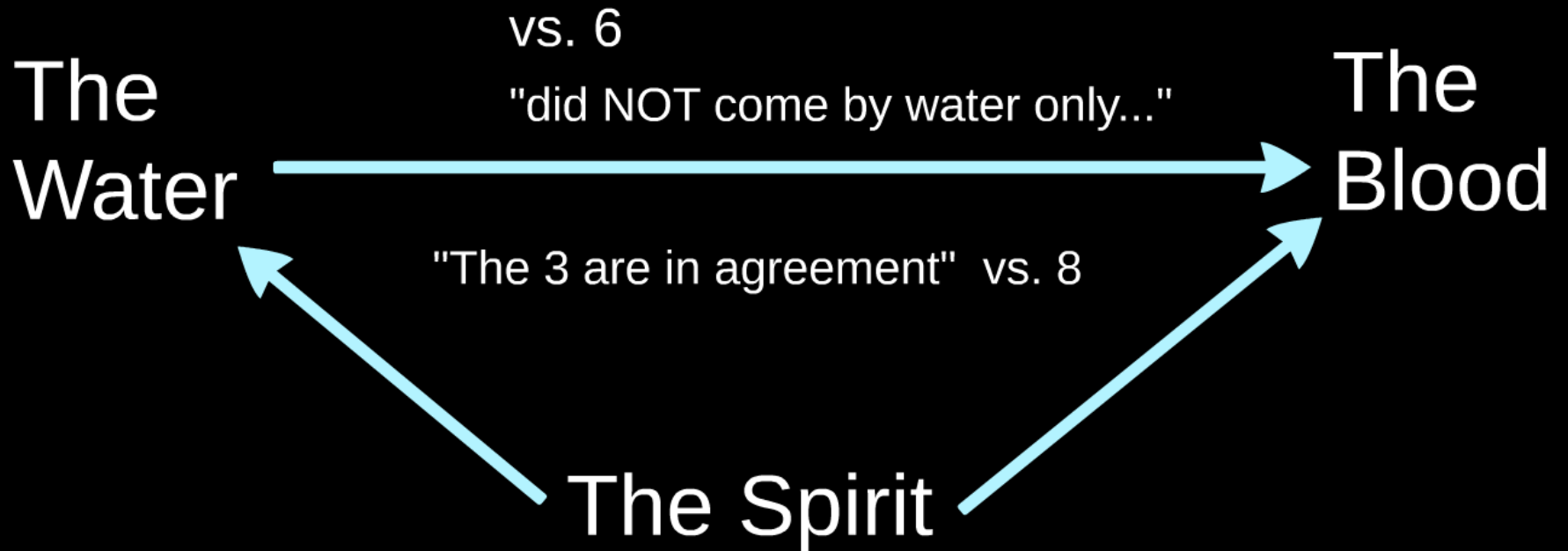
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