

## John: The Word: Grace and Truth #5

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A quick reminder:

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup>The one who believes in Him is not judged; the one who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light; for their deeds were evil. **John 3:16-19 NASB**

<sup>22</sup>After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea; and there He was spending time with them and baptizing. <sup>23</sup>Now John also was baptizing in Aenon, near Salim, because there was an abundance of water there; and *people* were coming and being baptized— <sup>24</sup>for John had not yet been thrown into prison.

<sup>25</sup>Then a matter of dispute developed on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about [a]purification. <sup>26</sup>And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing and all *the people* are coming to Him." <sup>27</sup>John replied, "A person can receive not even one thing unless it has been given to him from heaven. <sup>28</sup>You yourselves [a]are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the [a]Christ,' but, 'I have been sent ahead of Him.' <sup>29</sup>He who has the bride is the groom; but the friend of the groom, who stands and listens to him, rejoices greatly because of the groom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. <sup>30</sup>He must [a]increase, but I must [a]decrease.

<sup>31</sup>"He who comes from above is above all; the one who is *only* from the earth is of the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup>What He has seen and heard, of this He testifies; and no one accepts His testimony. <sup>33</sup>The one who has accepted His testimony has certified that God is true. <sup>34</sup>For He whom God sent speaks the words of God; for He does not give the Spirit [a]sparingly. <sup>35</sup>The Father loves the Son and has entrusted all things to His hand. <sup>36</sup>The one who believes in the Son has eternal life; but the one who does not [a]obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." **John 3: 22-36 NASB**

- John the Baptists last testimony
  - John is baptizing people and so are Jesus' disciples. **V 22-23.**
  - **John 4: 1-2** tells us that Jesus is not baptizing people but the disciples are.
  - Remember: Jesus baptizes people in the Holy Spirit NOT in water.
  - A discussion comes up between a Jewish man and John's disciples about purification, baptism, etc. **v 25-26**

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- John's disciples tell him that most of the people are starting to follow Jesus..... they are jealous for their leader.
- John straightens them out in **v 27**.... A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven."

<sup>17</sup> Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or <sup>[a]</sup>shifting shadow. **James 1:17 NASB**

- John Says again... "I am NOT the Christ (**John 3:28**) but I have been sent by him."
- He who has the bride is the Bridegroom. Jesus is the Bridegroom; the Church is the Bride. John is the forerunner and the friend of the bridegroom. **V29**

<sup>22</sup> Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. **Ephesians 5:22-23 NASB**

- He must increase, I must decrease. John makes the incredible statement in **John 3:30-31** that "He who comes from Heaven is above ALL!"
- He must grow greater, and I must grow less-**John 3:30. Weymouth NT.**
- It is necessary for the ONE to grow and for me to diminish **John 3:30 New Testament Transline**

<sup>63</sup> But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I place You under oath by the living God, to tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have said *it* yourself. But I tell you, from now *on* you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven." **Matthew 26:63-64 NASB**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. **Matthew 28:18 NASB**

- **John 3:32-34**- When a person believes the testimony about Jesus he is declaring that the Gospel is the truth and that God has given Jesus the Holy Spirit with out measure.

<sup>38</sup> You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. **Acts 10:38 NASB**

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<sup>22</sup> [And He] has now entered into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with [all] angels and authorities and powers made subservient to Him. **1 Peter 3:22 AMPC**

- The father has not given the son a 'measured gift' of His Spirit. All the fullness of the God Head dwells in Jesus.
- **John 3:35**.... The Father has given all things into His hand. God has given Him control over everything. Moffat NT
- **John 3:36**... "He who believes in the Son has eternal life."
- Whoever trusts the Son, possesses eternal life. Williams NT
- "He who believes in the Son has the life of the ages." Weymouth NT
- In Jesus we see the presence of God by which He reveals the love of Go and speaks with the authority of God. Making way for us to believe and possess eternal live. What a beautiful Savior!!!