



THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

John 2:22-36

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In John 3, the prophet John continues to teach and baptize, which prepares the people to follow Jesus. So, when Jesus Himself begins to teach, John sends his disciples to follow Him, publicly endorsing Jesus as the direct voice from God.

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*"After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. **23** John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized **24** (for John had not yet been put in prison). **25** Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. **26** And they came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.' **27** John answered, 'A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. **28** You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' **29** The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. **30** He must increase, but I must decrease.'" **31** He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. **32** He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. **33** Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. **34** For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. **35** The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. **36** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."*

- Competition was on John's follower's mind. (v 25-26)
- Cooperation was on John's mind. (v 30)

1. God is NOT Identified and Designated by HUMANS, but He is LORD Over All. (v 27-30)

- God's sovereign authority grants ministry OPPORTUNITY for the Church.

2. God's Will is FULFILLED Through the Work of CHRIST. (v 30)

- When we do the Will of God, our image DECREASES & the image of Christ INCREASES.

3. JESUS CHRIST is SUPREME Over All. (v 31-36)

- Christ has a HEAVENLY origin (v. 31)
- Christ's TESTIMONY always agrees with God as true. (v.32-33)

*"Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." **John 18:37***

- Christ is All of God and is not LIMITED. (v 34)

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations."

Isaiah 42:1

- Christ is GIVEN supremacy by the Father God. (v. 35)

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*