

The GOSPEL of JOHN

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 3:22-30

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JOHN'S LAST TESTIMONY

Introduction:

I. THE MINISTRY OF JESUS' DISCIPLES (vs. 22)

“after these things, Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea”

“there He was spending time with them and baptizing”

II. THE MUSING OF JOHN'S DISCIPLES (vs. 23-26)

A. His Activity (vs. 23-23)

“John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim”

“because there was much water there”

“people were coming and were being baptized”

“John had not yet been thrown into prison”



B. Their Anxiety (vs. 25-26)

“therefore, there arose a discussion on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purification”

“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 are coming to Him.’”

III. THE MARK OF A TRUE DISCIPLE (vs. 27-30)

1) *Humility begins with a proper understanding of God's sovereignty.* (vs. 27)

“John answered and said, ‘A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.’”

2) *Humility results from a proper recognition of Christ's lordship.* (vs. 28-29)

“You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’”

“He who has the bride is the bridegroom”

“the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice”

“So this joy of mine has been made full.”

3) *Humility is expressed in a proper evaluation of myself.* (vs. 30)

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Food for Thought:

- 1) Is the idea of building your self-esteem supported in the Bible?
- 2) Discuss the implications of the truth that pride is at the root of all other sins.
- 3) Discuss this statement: “The chief mark of counterfeit holiness is its lack of humility.... There is no pride so dangerous because none is so subtle and insidious as the pride of holiness.” – Andrew Murray
- 4) Describe your impressions of John the Baptist from what Scripture tells us about him.