

# John the Baptist's Loyalty to Jesus

## John 3:22-36

“From the time Jesus began His public ministry, He attracted widespread attention (John 2:23). While John’s ministry began to \_\_\_\_\_, it did not cease with the inception of Jesus’ ministry. Both preached the same \_\_\_\_\_, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near” (Matt. 3:2; 4:17), and both \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:22-23).” J Dwight Pentecost

### John’s Ministry:

**Part 1 –**

**Part 2 –**

“<sup>22</sup>After these things ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) came Jesus and his disciples into the land ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. <sup>23</sup>And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. <sup>24</sup>For John was not yet \_\_\_\_\_ into prison.” John 3:22-24

### I. The Setting

A. When? –

B. Where? –

C. What? –

“<sup>25</sup> Then there arose a \_\_\_\_\_ between some of John's disciples and the (Gk - \_\_\_\_\_) Jews about purifying ( \_\_\_\_\_ ). <sup>26</sup>And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and \_\_\_\_\_ men come to him.” John 3:25-26

### II. The Situation

A. The Question –

B. The Escalation –

<sup>27</sup>John \_\_\_\_\_ and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>28</sup>Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am \_\_\_\_\_ the Christ, but that I am sent before him. <sup>29</sup>He  
that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the \_\_\_\_\_ of the bridegroom, which standeth and  
heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my \_\_\_\_\_ therefore is fulfilled.  
<sup>30</sup>He \_\_\_\_\_ increase, but I \_\_\_\_\_ decrease.” John 3:27-30

### III. The Response

A. God-Given Position –

B. God-Given Message -

Illustration of Bridegroom & Friend:

C. God-Given Reality –

<sup>31</sup>He that cometh from above is \_\_\_\_\_ all: he that is of the earth is \_\_\_\_\_, and speaketh  
of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>32</sup>And what he hath seen and heard, that he  
testifieth; and \_\_\_\_\_ man receiveth his testimony. <sup>33</sup>He that hath received his testimony hath set to his  
seal (Lit - \_\_\_\_\_) that God is true. <sup>34</sup>For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of  
God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure (Lit. \_\_\_\_\_) unto him. <sup>35</sup>The Father  
\_\_\_\_\_ the Son, and hath \_\_\_\_\_ all things into his hand. <sup>36</sup>He that believeth on the  
Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth  
on him.” John 3:34-36

From the Lips of John the Baptist or Pen of John the Apostle?

### IV. The Summary

1. Christ is from \_\_\_\_\_ v. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Christ knew the \_\_\_\_\_ v. 32-33
3. Christ was loved and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Father v. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Christ has the Father's \_\_\_\_\_ v. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Christ is empowered by the \_\_\_\_\_ v. 34-35

6. \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ brings everlasting life v. 36

7. God's \_\_\_\_\_ falls on unbelievers. v. \_\_\_\_\_

**Believers Application:**

All ministry comes from God - Our responsibilities are God-given, and He gets the glory! –

Christian Responsibilities:

My Personal Responsibilities:

“Deep discontent over God’s wise, sovereign disposition of people and things would in that instance betray not only unbelief and faithfulness but the worst form of the perennial human sin, the arrogance that wants to be God and stand where God stands.” DA Carson