



22004 Placerita Canyon Road, Newhall CA 91321
661-259-2913 | info@placeritachurch.com
Download sermon audio at www.placeritachurch.com

No Contest

John 3:31-36
April 23, 2017

I. He Alone is From Above (v. 31)

A. Jesus came from _____
(Jn. 3:3, 7, 13; 6:33, 38, 50-51, 58; 8:42; 13:3; 16:28; 17:8)

B. John the Baptist is of the _____
(1:6-8; 5:32-36)

II. He Alone has Seen the Father (v. 32)

A. Jesus had _____ the Father (Jn. 3:11)

B. Jesus had _____ from the Father
(Jn. 8:26, 40; 15:15)

C. Yet no one receives His _____
(Jn. 1:11; 3:11; 5:43; 12:37)

III. He Alone Speaks the Truth (v. 33)

A. Those who receive Christ's testimony set their _____ of affirmation
(Jn. 6:27; 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; Rev. 7:3-4)

B. Those who receive Christ's testimony know that God is _____
(Jn. 17:17; Rom. 3:4; Titus 1:2; 1 Jn. 5:10)

IV. He Alone Receives the Spirit Without Measure (v. 34)

A. Jesus infallibly _____ the words of God
(Jn. 5:19, 30; 12:49)

B. Jesus immeasurably _____ the Spirit
Jn. 1:32-33; Isa. 11:2; 42:1; 61:1)

V. He Alone has been Given All Things (v. 35)

A. The Father _____ the Son
(Jn. 5:20; 15:9; 17:23, 26; Matt. 3:17)

B. The Father has _____ Him all things
(Matt. 11:27; 28:18; 1 Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:22; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 1:2; 1 Pet. 3:22)

TAKE HOME (v. 36)

- Is there an honest _____ in your heart? (Jn. 3:15-16; 5:24)
- Is there a truthful _____ in your life? (Rom. 2:8; Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:4-6)
- Is there an adequate _____ of the wrath of God? (3:18-19; 5:28-29; Rev. 20:10-15)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 3:30 again. What was the context of John 3:22-30 in which John the Baptist was saying this?

2. Now read John 3:31. What can we learn from the fact that Jesus is from above while John the Baptist is of the earth? Why is it important for us to know this? How might this truth at times be overlooked in our everyday lives?

3. Read John 3:32. What is the significance of Jesus seeing and hearing from the Father? Why doesn’t anyone receive His testimony? Do you think that most of the people that you know have ignorance, doubts, or rebellion?

4. Read John 3:33. Now look at Jn. 6:27; 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; Rev. 7:3-4. How is the word “seal” used in these passages? What does it really mean to “set your seal to this, that God is true?”

5. Read John 3:34. Look also at Jn. 1:32-33; Isa. 11:2; 42:1; 61:1. How do these passages help us understand how Jesus has received the Spirit without measure? How can this truth encourage you with trials in your life today?

6. Read John 3:35. How much does the Father love the Son? How is that similar or different that the love you may have for you spouse or children? In what way has the Father given all things to Jesus? How does that impact your life personally?

7. Read John 3:36. How would you answer each of the take home questions? Do you believe? Are you walking in obedience? What are your thoughts on the wrath of God? (Jn. 3:18-19; 5:28-29; Rev. 20:10-15)

“The One who comes from above is head and shoulders over other messengers from God. The earthborn is earthbound and speaks earth language; the heaven-born is in a league of his own. He sets out the evidence of what he saw and heard in heaven. No one wants to deal with these facts. But anyone who examines this evidence will come to stake his life on this: that God himself is the truth.”

- Eugene Peterson, *The Message*