

John #20

3:31-36

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**“He Who Believes in the Son Has Eternal Life”**

or

**“Reasons Why Christ Must Increase”**

**Intro: It is our heavenly privilege this morning to read the last of the recorded testimonies of John the Baptist concerning Christ Jesus, where in testifying of Jesus he expresses why it is of \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus must increase, while he must decrease.**

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**I. \_\_\_\_\_ must \_\_\_\_\_ while we must decrease because:**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ is from \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1. In his first letter the Beloved testified saying, 4:14, “And we have beheld and bear witness that the \_\_\_\_\_ has the \_\_\_\_\_ to be the Savior of the world.”**

**2. Beloved, the Scripture is irrefutable! Christ is from above! descended \_\_\_\_\_! (Cf. John 1:1, 14; 3:13, 17; 6:38, 51, 62;16:30)**

**B. Because Christ is come from above, He is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth, having come from above, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, being the only begotten Son of God, \_\_\_\_\_ divine; God very \_\_\_\_\_ Himself and therefore, above all!**

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ must decrease because we are \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore, from the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1. Eccl 3:20 rightly says, “... \_\_\_\_\_ came from the \_\_\_\_\_ and all return to the \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ are of the earth, subjected to the fall, born of \_\_\_\_\_, limited in knowledge and experience and in all ways, and under the Sovereign rule of the \_\_\_\_\_ who is from \_\_\_\_\_ and above all (including us!). Therefore, we must decrease.**

**D. Because \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ one who came from above having been in the bosom of the Father, He alone is uniquely qualified to explain the Father to us. No earthly man is able to**

**\_\_\_\_\_ like the One who descended from heaven.**

**And, that One is Christ our Lord.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ must increase because He \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father whom He has personally seen and heard.
2. Christ must increase so others will \_\_\_\_\_ His witness, that \_\_\_\_\_ is true.
3. Christ must increase because He was \_\_\_\_\_ by God \_\_\_\_\_ the words of God.
4. Because the Heavenly Father gave His only begotten Son alone the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_, we are assured that He spoke the words of God accurately and completely; explaining the Father to us as the only One who had seen and heard the Father. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ must increase!

E. Christ Jesus must increase because “the \_\_\_\_\_ loves the Son, and has [exclusively] \_\_\_\_\_ things into His hand.”

F. Christ must increase for there is \_\_\_\_\_ name under heaven by which we can be saved. Therefore, “He who believes in the Son eternal \_\_\_\_\_; ...”

1. Christ must increase that He might be made known because the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_ upon all those who have not known Him.

Closing: Now, dear church, is there any wonder why He must increase and we must decrease? It is not about us, but \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord for He alone is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, the Lamb of God who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world! ... Therefore, we must diminish and He must increase in our lives so that when the world sees us, they see \_\_\_\_\_!

Let us consider our own lives. \_\_\_\_\_ the Supreme One in our life? What do we hold dearest; whom do we hold \_\_\_\_\_? To the degree that we recognize the supremacy of Christ, we will \_\_\_\_\_ Christ as the Supreme \_\_\_\_\_.

We must learn to promote Him and deny ourselves! We must deny ourselves and \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ that all may know that He is the Christ! \_\_\_\_\_ must enlarge, and we must diminish! He must increase we must decrease. To God be the \_\_\_\_\_!

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