



Salvation of the World

Jn. 3:31-36

- 1. 3:31-36—Those who receive Jesus's testimony by believing are shown to be in right relationship with God, which is the definition of eternal life (Jn. 17:3).
 - a. The Son has come to speak the words that the Father wants Israel to know. But the Father's words are about the Son so the Revealer is Himself the Revelation (vv. 32, 34).
 - b. Those who receive the TRUTH (Jn. 14:6--Jesus the Christ, the Son of God; the embodiment of the I AM Jehovah God of Israel) confirm God's truthfulness and are empowered by the Spirit to live by the Truth. Definition of Faith.
 - c. While the Father gave and sent His Son to the world (beginning with Israel--3:16-17) to speak His words of grace and truth (1:17--Jesus's earthly ministry), in order to accomplish this, He gave the Son the Spirit without measure and gave Him all things

- 2. The Spirit comes upon Jesus permanently (1:33; 3:34).
 - --He shares it with whom He will (4:14)
 - --Those who He gives the Spirit will go on to share Him with others (7:37-39)
 - --In John, this culminates in Jesus breathing the Spirit on the disciples (20:22).

3. V. 34-35: The Father has given all things into His hands because the Son resides in the eternal habitation of the Father's bosom and the Father's glory resides in the eternal habitation of the Son who reveals it to men, culminating in the greatness of God's love on the Cross where He died for His friends—believing Israel and believing Gentiles associated with them (Jn. 15:13).

4. Those who don't receive Him by believing remain bitten by the serpent, remain under the wrath of God and will receive the Tribulation wrath and judgment unto destruction (3:36).

- 5. V. 36—They were under the wrath of God in the 5th COP under the Curses of the Law. But in Christ's earthly ministry the Lord in His longsuffering kindness hold's back His wrath while He instead offers mercy through the greatest display ever of the grace resident in His Jehovah Name. Believing in His Name accesses the Grace that resides there that will make the Nation of Israel into the people He created them to be.
 - a. Being under wrath, Jesus offers them deliverance by believing on Him and remaining with Him.
 - b. Those who refuse and reject Him remain under that wrath at that time (Jn. 3:18-21) and will receive it in full during the Tribulation Period (Acts 2-3).