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John 3:1-21

**The unique mission of Christ is to offer salvation
to all who trust in Him**

A. An Unlikely Visitor (3:1-2)

1. His position (3:1)

2. His timing (3:2a)

John 6:37

B. A Unique Statement (3:2)

Not the party line

Luke 20:1-2

Matthew 12:24

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C. An Unexpected Response (3:3)

1. The reason for Christ's ministry

2 Peter 3:9

2. The response that Nicodemus needed to hear

Matthew 5:20

**You need more than what you are doing to get to
heaven**

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D. The Unknown Requirements (3:4-10)

1. Intellectually (3:4-5)

Man's thinking will not suffice

1 Corinthians 2:14

2. Spiritually (3:6-8)

Man's living will not suffice

1 Corinthians 15:50

3. Brings a crisis of faith to Nicodemus (3:9-10)

Psalm 139:6

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E. The Unobserved Message (3:11-15)

1. Not heard (3:11-12)

2. Not seen (3:13)

3. Not realized (v 14-15)

Background: Numbers 21:5-9

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F. The Universal Invitation (3:16-21)

1. Based on God's love (3:16)

2. Based on God's mercy (3:17)

3. Based on choice (3:18)

4. The consequences of your choice (3:19-21)

a. Refusal bring condemnation (vv 19-20)

b. Reception brings consecration (v 21)

The Last Testimony Of John The Baptist

John 3:22-36

The transition from the Old Testament to the New Testament

I. The Timing Of The Transition (3:22-24)

A. The overlap of ministry (3:1-2)

1. In action (v 22)

John 3:22

After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

John 4:1-2

1 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

I. The Timing Of The Transition (3:22-24)

A. The overlap of ministry (3:1-2)

2. In proximity (v 23)

John 3:23

And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

I. The Timing Of The Transition (3:22-24)



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B. The opportunity for overlap (3:24)

John 3:24

For John was not yet cast into prison.

II. The Tests In Transition (3:25-29)

A. Debate (3:25)

John 3:25

Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

Mark 1:44

And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

II. The Tests In Transition (3:25-29)

B. Dissension (3:26)

John 3:26

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 all men come to him.

II. The Tests In Transition (3:25-29)

C. Determination (3:26-29)

John 3:27-29

27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. James 1, 3 john 6:35

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

III. The Truth Of Transition (3:30-36)

A. The superiority of Christ (3:30)

John 3:30

He must increase, but I must decrease.

Ephesians 4:10

He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

III. The Truth Of Transition (3:30-36)

B. The substance of Christ's superiority (3:31-36)

1. Christ had a heavenly origin (v 31)

John 3:31

He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

III. The Truth Of Transition (3:30-36)

B. The substance of Christ's superiority (3:31-36)

2. Christ knew what was true by firsthand experience (v 32)

John 3:32

And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

John 3:11

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

III. The Truth Of Transition (3:30-36)

B. The substance of Christ's superiority (3:31-36) – continued

3. Christ 's testimony always agreed with God (v 33)

John 3:33

He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

4. Christ experienced the Holy Spirit in an unlimited manner (v 34)

John 3:34

For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

III. The Truth Of Transition (3:30-36)

B. The substance of Christ's superiority (3:31-36) – continued

5. Christ is superior because the Father's sovereignty had granted that status to Him (v 35)

John 3:35

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

1 Corinthians 15:28

And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

III. The Truth Of Transition (3:30-36)

B. The substance of Christ's superiority (3:31-36) – continued

6. Christ can only provide eternal life (v 36)

John 3:36

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.

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

III. The Truth Of Transition (3:30-36)

C. The sharing of the transition

Acts 18:24-26

24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

**Is A Transition Needed
In Your Life?**