

Study Notes for John 3 (Part 3) :22-36

- Why do you think it's significant that Jesus and His disciples were baptizing people unto repentance just as John the Baptist had been doing?
- It's understandable that John's disciples might be concerned about the dwindling crowds that were now going over to Jesus, but what had John said earlier that should have prepared them for this very thing?
- Read **verses 27-30** and list each individual statement made by John in reply to the issue of people going to Jesus. How many do you see?
- Of the various statements made by John in **verses 27-30**, which do you feel is the most significant and why?
- John's statement that "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (**v27**) has many implications and applications. How does this apply to your life?
- **Verse 28** reminds us that John knew his place in God's plan. He knew what he was and what he wasn't. Why is the same important for all of us?
- Why is it important to be content with and faithful in the area of ministry that you've been given?
- John's statement in **verse 29** speaks of his ministry as "the friend of the groom" who "stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice." What element of the traditional Jewish wedding was John referring to?
- Review the meaning of the "pride of life" from **1 John 2:16**. Why is John's statement in **John 3:30** the opposite of "the pride of life"?
- How did King Saul embody the complete opposite of John's example?
- **Verses 31-36** contain three statements from the author of this Gospel. List what the author wants you to know from each statement.
 - Statement 1 :**31** _____
 - Statement 2 :**32-34** _____
 - Statement 3 :**35-36** _____