

Episode 1-08 - The Testimony of John the Baptizer

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. Having introduced us to the Word and told us the truth about Him, John now leads forth John the Baptizer as a witness to convince us of the truth of what he has been proclaiming.

III. John 1:17-18. Finishing Word arguments. Fullness and grace.

B. Not no grace before Christ (Exodus 34:6b-7.) Jesus personification of grace!

C. Not see God? Exodus 33:11 versus 33:20. Clearly, God has a logos that can be seen.

Conclusion: God not perceivable apart from Christ! Bosom = precious.

IV. John 1:19-28. John the Baptizer's witness to the Jews.

A. The Jews send to John. Jews in John = "super-Jews," a class. V. 24=Pharisees.

B. V. 20. He makes it clear he is not Christ. Pleonasm used for emphasis.

C. V. 21. Elijah did not die (II Kings 2.) Will return (Malachi 4:5-6.) "The Prophet" is the one like unto Moses (Deuteronomy 18:18.)

D. They do not want to return empty-handed. Sent = pempo.

E. John claims to fulfill Isaiah 40:3.

F. V. 25. They were expecting identification (Ezekiel 36:25.) Why does he identify, if that is all he is? Baptism=identification.

G. John is not working to produce followers for himself, but one coming after.

H. V. 27. He is working to promote Christ, and will gladly humble himself.

I. V. 28. The place: Bethabara (House of the Ford) beyond Jordan (Descender).

V. John 1:29-34. John's personal testimony to all who hear.

A. Lamb of God (Isaiah 53:7.) Take away sins of kosmos, not just people.

B. V. 30. The Lord Jesus is the One he told the Jews about!

C. V. 31. The reason for John's water baptism. The modern water baptisers cannot claim this! How then do they justify what they do?

D. Like a dove, not actually. Remains on Him (as the Spirit, not a dove.)

E. THE Spirit on Him, baptizes with holy spirit.

F. V. 34. John concludes his testimony. Fits with John author's purpose.

VI. John the Baptizer presents his witness as to Who Christ is. Do we believe it?