

John 3: 22-36

John 3:22 After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. 23 Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized. 24 (This was before John was put in prison.) 25 An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. 26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan-- the one you testified about-- well, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him." 27 To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.' 29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less. 31 "The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. **The one who comes from heaven is above all.** 32 He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. **33 The man who has accepted it has certified that God is truthful.** 34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. 35 The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. 36 **Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."**

1. In verse 23, why were people “constantly” coming to be baptized?
2. In verse 25, why did people go through ceremonial washing?
3. In verse 26, why were John’s followers concerned? How does this same issue impact our lives?
4. What did John understand in verses 28-30 that made him content in this situation?
5. In verse 31, how is Jesus’ existence different from other peoples?
6. According to verse 33, if a person does not believe Jesus is who He says He is, than what are they also denying?
7. In verse 36, what does it mean to “**reject**” the Son? What is the result (consequence)?
8. In verse 36, how is God’s wrath related to rejecting the Son?
9. What is the cause of God’s wrath?
10. According to verse 36, when is God’s wrath on a person; before or after he rejects Christ?
11. How can a person become free from experiencing God’s wrath? How many ways are there?