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The transition from Law to Grace... Jn.3:22-36

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What concerns John's disciples? **3:25-26, 4:1,1:23-31**

What is John's response? **3:27-28, 1:20, 25, 27; Mt.3:11-12, 21:23-27; Mal.3:1**

What great doctrinal truth does John proclaim next? **3:29; Eph.5:25-27; Rev.19:7-9**

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What is one *major* difference between John and Jesus? **3:31, 8:23-24; 3:12; Eph.1:18-23**

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But to those who *do receive* it, what about them? **3:33; Rom.3:3-4; Titus 1:1-2; IJn.5:9-10**

What's been given to Him, whom God sent? **3:34-35, 7:16, 8:26-28,40, 13:3; ICor.15:20-28**

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Jesus and His disciples went to countryside, disciples baptizing. John baptizing to north.

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John's disciples are concerned that Jesus is 'taking over'! People are going to Him...!

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He must be from heaven. Remember I said 'I am not the Christ' but sent before Him.

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Jesus has the bride (Church). John (OT) is a friend to Him! Will be guests at wedding!

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My joy is now complete! He (Jesus) must increase, I must decrease. Transition begins!

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He (Jesus) comes from above (Diety) and is above all. I'm from the earth (human).

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He bears (true) witness to what He has seen and heard (in heaven); No one receives it!

But to those who do receive it, what about them? **3:33; Rom.3:3-4; Titus 1:1-2; IJn.5:9-10**

The true believer sets his seal to (fully endorses) this, that God is true (Jesus' words).

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Jesus utters Words of God. He received the Spirit w/o limit. Father has given Him all.

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