

You Can Trust Jesus
John 3:31-36
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John's reflection on the Baptist's testimony to Jesus.

Whose word and wisdom do you rely on for your life?

Why Can We Trust Jesus?

Only Jesus? Should we not diversify? Spread the risk around?

Jesus is the source of truth.

The Supremacy of Jesus v. 31

Jesus is from heaven. Preexistent and the origin and source of truth.

What is a category mistake?

The Testimony of Jesus v. 32

Jesus has a unique testimony - no one else can give it.

Jesus communed with His Father. (John 5:19-20; 5:30)

Well, how can I prove the unique authority of Jesus?

Why can we trust Jesus and His Word?

Receiving and Sealing the Truth v. 33

The contrast between believing and rejecting the testimony about Jesus. (John 1:10-12; 3:20-21)

Will you believe God, or not? Will you receive His testimony, or not? Can God be trusted? (1 John 5:10)

As we believe, we set our seal upon this: that God is true. He can be trusted.

Testimony of the Triune God v. 34

God sent the Son, speaks through the Son, and gives the Spirit without measure.

We have three testimonies to the truth from above - the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

The Authority of Jesus v. 35

The Father has given all things into His hands. (Matthew 28:18; John 13:3-4)

The Father loves the Son. (John 10:17; 15:9; 17:25-26)

The intra-Trinitarian mystery - Love, light, and life.

Why expand on this great love of God for the Son? (John 15:9; 17:23, 26)

The Obedience of Faith and Its Reward v. 36

To believe is to obey, and to obey is to believe.

Everyone must trust someone. Who do you trust? On what is your life based? Who are you following?

Meditation

Comfort for the New Year

C. H. SPURGEON: "The LORD hath been mindful of us: He will bless us," Psalm 115:12. There is a New Year's motto for you. It will go back through the old year, and forward into the new one. See how mindful He has been of us all through the past year in a thousand ways. Long before we have known our wants, He has supplied them. He has delivered us from dangers of which we never knew; and led us into mercies of which we never dreamed... Are there not reasons why the reader should make the present day the opening of a year of praise?

A.W. PINK: Those who by grace are trusting in the atoning blood of Christ may enter it with the assurance that the friendly gaze of the Lord God is upon them. It is their privilege to enter each day rejoicing in the blessed fact that not for a single second will the Lord their God remove His eyes from them, cease to care for them, or fail to minister to them. Seek to frequently remind yourself that the Lord has pleasure in His people, that His presence is with, and His power engaged, on behalf of them—that they are assured of His protection and provision for their every need. Then should they not be of good cheer?! Should they not be delivered from worrying care? Should they not go forward in holy confidence and joy? Trials and tests are certain, and so also is their blessed issue. In the darkest hour remember, my brother, my sister, the eyes of the Lord your God are upon you: the eyes of His love, of His favour, of His compassion.

JOHN NEWTON (1725-1807): Therefore, though we know not what a day may bring forth, we need fear no evil; for He knows all, and will provide accordingly, Oh, what a relief is it, to be enabled to cast every care and burden upon Him that careth for us! Though the night should be dark, the storm loud, and the billows high, the infallible Pilot will steer our boats safely through... May He be with us in the New Year. Yea, He has promised He will, even unto death.