**Three Inescapable Facets of Christ’s Supremacy which Must Be Heeded by All (John 3:31-36)**

1. The Supremacy of Christ’s Origin (v.31)
   1. Christ’s Heavenly Origin Implies that He is Supreme.
   2. Mankind’s Earthly Origin Implies that:
      1. Mankind’s nature is limited and finite
      2. Mankind’s speech is limited and finite (cf. Prov. 30:4; Deut. 30:11-14)
2. The Supremacy of Christ’s Witness (vv.32-35; cf. 3:11-13; Heb. 1:1-2)
   1. Owing to His Eye-Witness Testimony (v.32)
   2. Owing to His Inseparable Connection with the Father (vv.32b-34)
      1. The two responses to His testimony (vv.32b-33a; cf. 1:11-12; 3:20-21)
         1. Most do not receive His testimony – “No one receives His testimony”
         2. Some do receive His testimony – “The one who receives His testimony”
      2. The responses to His testimony inevitably say something about God’s truthfulness (vv.33b-34; cf. Jn. 12:44; 13:20; 1 Jn. 5:10)
         1. The Son speaks God’s words (v.34a; cf. 8:28; 12:49-50)

*“Jesus so completely says and does all that God says and does, and only what God says and does (e.g. 5:19-30; 6:37-40; 8:28), that to believe Jesus is to believe God. Conversely, not to believe Jesus is to call God a liar (cf. 12:44-50; 1 Jn. 5:10).” (D.A. Carson)*

* + - 1. The Son possesses God’s Spirit without measure (v.34b)

*“Throughout redemptive history, God spoke to his people through accredited messengers. Each received that measure of the Spirit that was required for his or her assigned task.” (D.A. Carson)*

*“Even the Holy Spirit resting on the prophets does so by weight, one prophet speaking one book of prophecy and another speaking two books.” (Midrash, Leviticus Rabbah 15.2)*

* 1. Owing to the Father’s Gift of All Things (v.35)
     1. Into the Son’s hand – His dominion and authority (cf. 5:26-27; 11:22; 13:3; 17:2; 17:24)
     2. From the Father’s profound love for the Son (5:20; 8:29; 10:17; 15:9-10; 17:24)

*“If the Father gave up even the Son whom he loved above all to death on a cross, how great must be his love for us and for our world! Just as the Spirit was God’s immeasurable gift to his Son, so the Son is God’s immeasurable gift to the world.” (Michaels)*

1. The Supremacy of Christ’s Centrality (v.36)
   1. Man’s Two Possible Responses Center Around Him
      1. Faith – “The one who *believes*”
      2. Disobedience – “The one who *disobeys*” (cf. Jn. 6:29)
   2. Man’s Two Possible Outcomes Center Around Him
      1. Eternal Life, begun now to be consummated in the future
      2. God’s wrath, remaining now to be consummated in the future

*“The age to come can no longer be set off absolutely from the present age, now that Jesus the Messiah has come. Believers already enjoy the eternal life that will be consummated in the resurrection of their bodies at the Parousia; unbelievers stand under the looming wrath of God that will be consummated in their resurrection and condemnation.” (D.A. Carson)*