

## John 3: 16-36

3:16: For God so loved the world

- The first cause and the source of our salvation: the love of God
- The heavenly Father loves the human race and wishes that they should not perish
- He gave his only begotten son
  - The superior worth of Christ demonstrates his deep love for us
  - Jesus uniquely and exclusively explains and reveals the Father

3:19: This is the judgment, that light has come into the world

- Unbelief is a testimony of a bad conscience.
- Hatred of the light arises only from a mind that is conscious of its guilt

3:22-28 John baptizing in the region

- John's disciples are more interested in defending him than in asserting true doctrine.
- John reminds them that he told them in the beginning that he was only a herald.
- He illustrates this with a bride and bride groom

3:31-36: He who is from above

- John is contrasting Jesus coming from the Father vs himself, a prophet who has arisen in the world
- *The Spirit without measure* refers to Christ. The power given to him was in no way limited
- The life of God is mediated to us through the Son