



THE CHRISTIAN'S GREATEST CHALLENGE

John 3.22-36

The following verses give us seven reasons why Jesus must increase, and we must decrease:

1. He is from _____; He is from heaven, and we are not. (v. 31)
2. He gives testimony about God the Father and the _____ of God the Father (v. 32).
3. If we receive His _____ about God then we are affirming that God is real and true (v. 33).
4. He has been _____ from God. (v 34)
5. He gives the _____ without measure. (v. 34)
6. Jesus has all _____ given to Him by God the Father (v. 35).
7. Believing in Him brings _____; disbelief brings the wrath of God (v.36).

Four areas that increase and decrease affect us:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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How do we overcome this battle with self? If Jesus is going to increase in our lives, and if we and our interests are going to decrease, how does that happen?

1. Live with and have a healthy dose of _____
2. Beware of the _____ of man. Our enemy tries to build us up simply to we can be torn down.
3. When we focus on Jesus _____ in our life, then He will increase our walk with Him.