

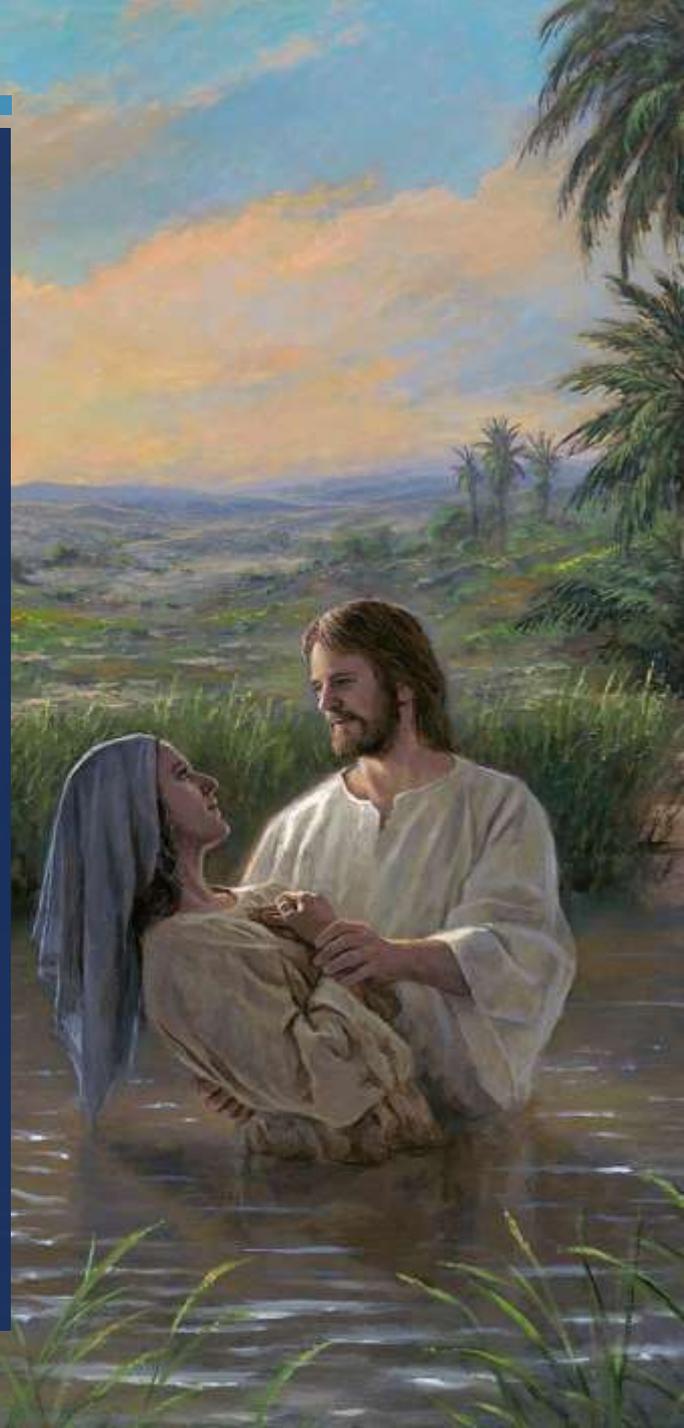


JOHN 3:22-36



# JOHN 3:25-26

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**JEALOUS?**

# LUKE 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

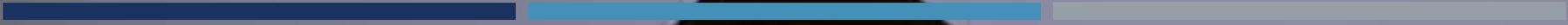
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<sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’<sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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CHRIST.”

**I CORINTHIANS 1:12**

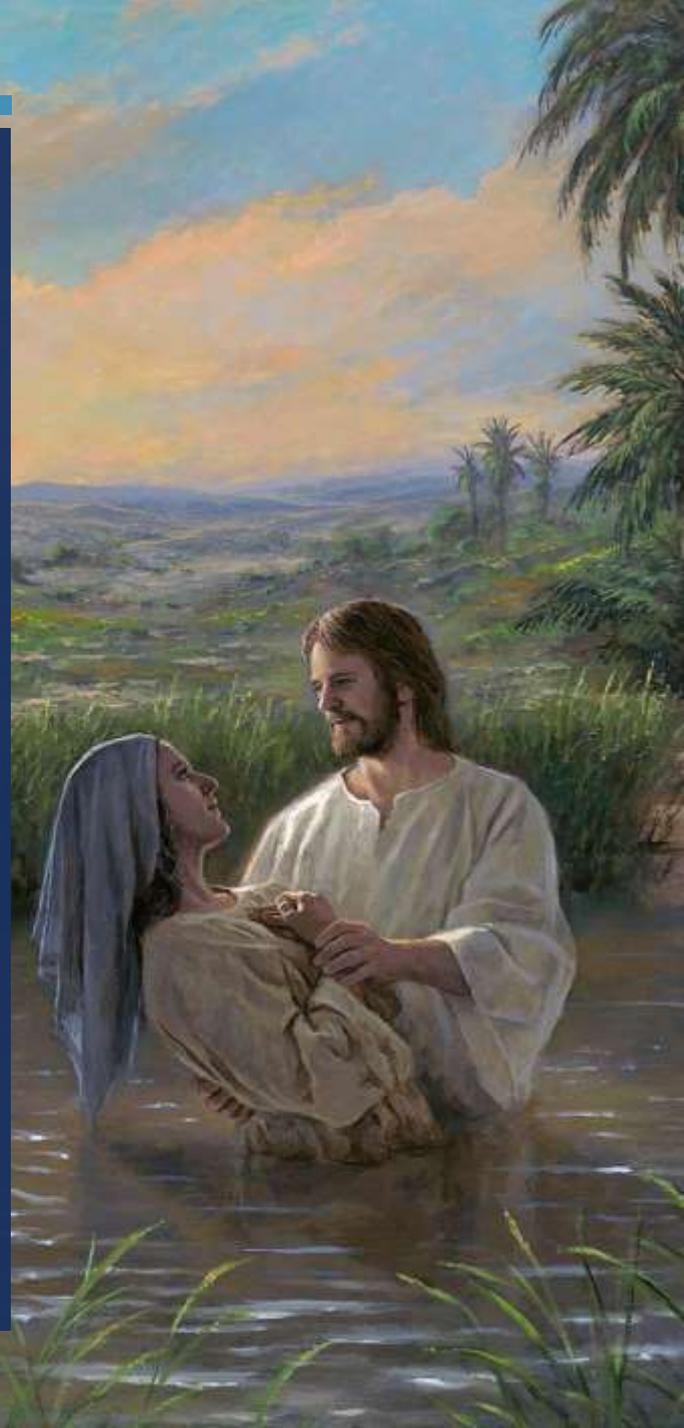


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# JOHN 3:27-29

**<sup>27</sup> John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’**

# JOHN 3:27-29

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# JOHN'S 4 POINTS

- **#1 The Sovereignty of God (v.27)**
- **#2 Accepting Yourself (v.28)**
- **#3 John was simply doing his job**
- **#4 John found fulfillment in being and doing what God wanted him to be and do**

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**"HE MUST INCREASE; I MUST DECREASE."**

**JOHN 3:30**

## Luke 9:23

Then he said to them all:

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”





"Behold!  
The Lamb  
of God  
who takes  
away  
the sin  
of the  
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John 1:29

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