

**Sermon Notes – 02.05.2017 “Seeing Jesus Through the Eyes of John the Baptist”  
Faith Has Sight - Seeing Jesus – We See the Goodness of God**

**Psalms 34:1-8** *A Psalm of David when he feigned madness before Abimelech, who drove him away and he departed.* I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. **2** My soul will make its boast in the LORD; The humble will hear it and rejoice. **3** O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

**4** I sought the LORD, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears. **5** They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces will never be ashamed. **6** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him And saved him out of all his troubles. **7** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.

**8** O taste and see that the LORD is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**Colossians 2:9** For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

**1 John 1:1-4** What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life-- **2** and the life was manifested, and **we have seen** and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- **3** what **we have seen** and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. **4** These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

**Faith Has Sight – If you believe what you hear: Your faith “Sees” it**

**Hebrews 2:9** But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

**John the Baptist's Testimony – What Did He See When He Saw Jesus?**

➤ **He Saw the Coming of the Lord**

**John 1:19-23** This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" **20** And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." **21** They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he \*said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." **22** Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" **23** He said, "I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

➤ **He Saw A Hidden Man Who Was Greater Than John (The Final OT Prophet)**

**John 1:25-27** They asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" **26** John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, *but* **among you stands One whom you do not know.** **27** "It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

➤ He Sees the Eternal One – The Lamb of God Who Takes Away the Sin of the World

**John 1:29-33** The next day he \*saw Jesus coming to him and \*said, "**Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**" **30** "This is He on behalf of whom I said, '**After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.**'

**31** "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water." **32** John testified saying, "**I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.**" **33** "**I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'**"

❖ He Sees the One Who Baptizes With the Holy Spirit

➤ He Sees the Son of God

**John 1:34** "**I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.**"

The Other Unnamed Disciple is Thought to Be John

➤ He Said, "Come and see...So they came and saw."

**John 1:35-39** Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, **36** and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and \*said, "**Behold, the Lamb of God!**" **37** The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. **38** And Jesus turned and saw them following, and \*said to them, "**What do you seek?**" They said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?" **39** **He \*said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw** where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

He Who Believes on the Son Has Eternal Life

**John 3:26-27; 31-36** And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him." **27** **John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven..."** **31** "He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. **He who comes from heaven is above all.**" **32** "What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. **33** **"He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true.**" **34** "For **He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.**" **35** "The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. **36** **"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."**

John Told the Truth & Jesus Spoke So That We May Be Saved

**John 5:33-36** "**You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.**" **34** "**But the testimony which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.**" **35** "He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. **36** "**But the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish--the very works that I do--testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.**"

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