



Satan's greatest weapon is man's  
ignorance of GOD's Word.

# *The “Musts” of John 3*

*Luke 12:4, 5*

*John 3:3-30*

- *We are often cautious with absolutes!*

*The word “must” is an absolute.*

*Must = necessity*

*Absolute = unconditional or certain*

*In John 3 we find four musts or absolutes.*

# 1. *The Sinner Must Be Born Again:*

- *John 3:3-5*

Most religious groups do not argue the need to be born again.

But most religious groups argue the how!

Jesus said of “water and spirit”

# Have you died with Christ?



**Spiritually Dead**  
Ephesians 2:1, 5

**New Life, Born Again**  
2 Corinthians 5:17  
John 3:5

**Sanctified (Romans 6:22)**



**Buried With  
Jesus**

*Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12*



**Raised into New  
Life**

*By our faith (Col 2:12)*



**United with Jesus  
in His Death**

*Romans 6:5*

- Spirit's teaching + baptism = entrance into the kingdom
- Spirit's teaching + baptism = entrance into the body | Cor.12:13
- Instruction of the word + washing of water = cleansed Eph. 5:25,26
- Holy Spirit + washing of regeneration = saved Titus 3:5
- Gospel teaching + belief and baptism = salvation Mark 16:15,16

When We  
**ADD** or **ERASE**  
Any Part of the Bible

IT IS NO LONGER  
**TRUTH**

**But FALSE**  
**DOCTRINE**

16 'He that believeth  
shall be saved; but  
he that believeth not shall be  
damned.



## 2. The Savior Must Be Lifted Up:

### • John 3:14



Num. 21:5-9 [Moses Lifted Up The Serpent]

The people were healed.

This was a physical healing.

Jesus being lifted up is a spiritual healing!

# 3. The Sovereign Must Increase:

- *John 3:30 He must increase...*
- *Sovereign = Supreme In Power.*
- *John describes the Lord as one “who comes from above (heaven), and is above all (absolutely preeminent).”*

**Consider The Book Of Hebrews:  
Jesus is greater than Moses & angels.  
He has a better covenant & ministry.**

# 4. *The Servant Must Decrease:*

- **John 3:30** He must increase, but I must decrease.
- **Mark 9:33–35** Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?” But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”
- **Philippians 2:3–4** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

## Conclusion:

- Have you been born again?
  - Do you lift up the Savior?
- Has Jesus increased by your life?
  - Are you a servant of Jesus?

