

## Above All

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### Introduction

1. John 3:31
2. This phrase is used several time and we want to study some of those time it is used
3. It is used to contrast between different things and to show one is better than the other
4. Let us study those things that are the best today

### II Discussion

1. Christ is above all John 3:31
  1. The meaning here is Christ rank
  2. Christ is above all of those who are of earth and this includes John the Baptist.
2. The Power of God is above all Ephesians 3:20
  1. God's power is above all, it is the chiefest
  2. He can do all things, this is not the question. The question is what does God do today
  3. God has preformed miracles, but does He do it now?
  4. The power is in the Gospel 2 Corinthians 4:7; Romans 1:16
3. The protection of God is above all Ephesians 6:16
  1. Here it is superimposed
  2. It is the shield of faith able to turn in every direction to protect every vital part of our spiritual body, both offensive and defensive
  3. Faith comes by hearing so the stronger our faith the stronger our shield becomes Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:2
4. Our love is to be above all Colossians 3:14; 1 Peter 4:8
  1. The meaning here is that it is in front of, superior.
  2. We are to put it on Colossians 3:14
  3. This is the distinguishing mark of a Christians John 13:34-35
  4. We are to have fervent charity among ourselves 1 Peter 4:8
  5. Will cause us to forgive one another 1 Peter 4:8
5. Our language is to be above all James 5:12
  1. Again the meaning here is in front of, superior
  2. We are not to swear by anything but our word should be good enough
  3. This would mean also not using God's name in a flippant manner.
  4. Euphemisms, Gee whiz, Gosh, Gad Egad golly
6. Blessed above all 3 John 2
  1. Here means is with respect to
  2. If we prosper as much as our soul would we be rich or poor?
  3. If our health were proportionate to our spiritual soul would we be in good or had health?

### III Conclusion

1. Obedience is above all Luke 13:2, 4
2. All of us do not need to compare ourselves with someone else 2 Corinthians 10:12
3. We need to obey God Acts 5:29
4. By our obedience we can put sin aside and serve God with all our hearts
5. Come now!

Source; sermon preached in 1989