

Intro

- * Begun our Journey through the Gospel of John, the Gospel of Love!
- * Began looking at 7 Unique Characteristics of this Gospel account, sets it apart other three
- * 2W – John’s Unique intro of Jesus – totally different/other 3 – Parallel/Genesis/Deity/Jesus
- * V1-2 – He was before the beginning, was with God, AND was God (V14)
- * V3 – Is Creator God
- * V4-5 – He is/Light/Life/world, darkness can’t comprehend/take possession/overcome Him
- * V6-8 – John the Baptist was sent to be a witness of that Light – to simply tell the truth!!!

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might **believe**. **8** He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

- * What was John’s role? Sent/God & came as/witness/bear witness of what? The Light(Life)
 - * Was he the Light/Life? No, only/bear witness of that light, That thru him all might believe
- Respond** – No man/teaching/religion/church is THE Light/Life; to bear witness of Light/life

9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

V9 - True light which gives light to EVERY man

V10-11 - The world did not know Him, His own did not receive Him!

Isaiah 53:3 - He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

John 18:39–40 - “But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” **40** Then they all cried again, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber. (**Mark 15:7** - had committed murder in the rebellion.)

John 19:14–15 - Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” **15** But they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar!”

Respond – If you’re here, the light/life of World shines on you today, do not reject, receive!

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

- * Not everyone is a child of God – What must we do to become a child of God? Receive Him
- * How do we receive Him? Believe in His name
- * What is there to believe in His name? Believe in what His name means
- * Jesus = Gk/*Iesous* = Heb/*Yâhowshuwa* (‘yeh·ho·shoo·ah) (Yahova/yasha = God saves)
- * This causes us to be born, not/blood, will/flesh, will/man, will of God! Born again! (Ch 3)
- * Bible says we then become adopted! Born again into new family! Great loving choice/God

John 12:36 - While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light...”

Galatians 4:4–5 -But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Galatians 3:26 - For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

- * God adopts us, ultimate act/love, accepting imperfect/stubborn/selfish/sinful- love/be loved

Respond – Jesus comes and gives light to every man, every man than chooses reject/receive!

- * Receive His love, live in His love, count on His love & love Him back/don’t abuse His love

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Matthew 1:23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

Colossians 1:15 - He is the image of the invisible God...

Colossians 2:9 - For in Him dwells all/fullness of the Godhead bodily;

15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ” **16** And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. **17** For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

V15 – After me, preferred before me, was before me – According to Lk, John was 6 mo older

V16 – Grace for grace – Gen 6:8 – Noah found grace in/eyes of/Lord - Grace came for grace!

V17 – Law given thru Moses – Not given to make people righteous/bring them to offerings

* Galatians 3:16-19 – Promise first, law added, bring us to Christ!

Galatians 3:16–19 - Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ. **17** And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. **18** For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. **19** What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.

V18 – Jesus is the Son of the Father in heaven! He came to declare the Father to us!

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Conclusion

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Ephesians 2:8–10 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast. **10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Wed Night – Prophet Joel as we journey through the Minor Prophets

Next Week: - Look at John Baptist’s Testimony/Witness about Jesus; Disciples begin to follow!