

All for One and One for All.

Part 1.

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Scripture Text: John 1:6-13 NKJV 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. 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. 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.

When God sends a person, He gives them authority to speak on His behalf for a SPECIFIC TIME. John was the cousin of Jesus who was born with the purpose of preparing the hearts of the Jewish people to receive salvation through Christ. He knew what God had placed in his heart to do and he did it with zeal.

Has God spoken into your life and you have not proceeded in affirming His will? Remember that it is God who's doing the choosing and sending, not man.

It was urgent for John to assume his responsibility in calling men to acknowledge their sins and repent. John was given a window of time and opportunity to fulfill God's Purpose as we each have been given.

Our purpose is to be a light that points people to Christ. No matter how mundane or brief your assignment may be, it has eternal worth. Take ownership to the calling that God has placed upon you and not relegate it to someone else. God has gifted you in a way that is unique to the purpose for which you have been called.

John denied and sacrificed himself to achieve the purpose of his commission from God. Are you willing to deny yourself by focusing on what God has placed before you to achieve the extraordinary?

VERSE 10 *He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.*

He (Logos) came into a world that He had made where man lived in rebellion against God. The world that came under the rulership of Satan causing man to be blind and ignorant to the creator. To this very day blindness and ignorance to God's gift of LIGHT continues to be rampant throughout the world.

The Jews were looking for the Messiah. Psalms 110 speaks of the installation of the Messiah at the right hand of God, who will rule over His enemies. Not only is He to rule as King but He is also an eternal priest after the order of Melchizedek (v. 4). He will come to the earth to destroy His enemies. Melchizedek is the Priest of Righteousness and Peace and was a type of Christ (Messiah for the Jewish Nation).

VERSE 11 *He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*

If you ask any loving father, “What are your obligations?” Do you think family would be included? I would think that a father would want to provide and protect his family from any present or future dangers.

God was incarnate in human flesh to save His chosen (the nation of Israel) who were estranged from Him as a result of sin and death. You would think that Jesus would have been welcomed with open arms from them. Yet they rejected Him because they were blind, ignorant and sinfully living life with a reckless abandonment. Proverbs 14:12 There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death.

VERSE 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:*

After a negative statement is made, I love when a but is inserted in a sentence to bring a blessing.

The unbelieving Jews in verse 11 refused to accept Jesus as the revelation sent by the Father for the forgiveness of sins and the redemption of their souls. Isaiah had prophesied about their unbelief in the Old Testament in Isaiah 53:1 NKJV “*Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*”

To all those Jews who accept Jesus as the revealer of God’s Will were given the right to be children of God. We must remember that Jesus was sent to the Jews and not to the Gentiles. There were a few exceptions when gentiles like the Canaanite woman who believed and came to Jesus on behalf of her daughter.

VERSE 13 *who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

The New Birth does not come from the natural course of human involvement with a man and woman. The birth of a child of God is not a natural birth; it is a supernatural work of God in regeneration of a person’s entire life. The mysterious work of the Holy Spirit is the cause for regeneration, when a person welcomes Christ into their lives.

II Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

Jesus entered this world with the purpose of giving eternal life to those who believed in Him. By the Jews rejection of Him all Gentiles believing in His name were given the right to be Children of God. It would be increasingly evident when the Apostle Paul came upon the scene.

APPLICATIONS:

We are redeemed Children of God and witnesses of the Truth.

Your light shines even brighter as the world increases in the darkness of unbelief.