

CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ
Theological Reflection: His divinity, His Mission, His Invitation
Sermon Title: "Children of God. Birthed by the Light"
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.

NOTES
Attributes of God from these verses: <input type="checkbox"/> Eternal <input type="checkbox"/> Faithful <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Gracious <input type="checkbox"/> Holy <input type="checkbox"/> Incomprehensible & Transcendent <input type="checkbox"/> Immutable <input type="checkbox"/> Infinite <input type="checkbox"/> Jealous <input type="checkbox"/> Just <input type="checkbox"/> Loving <input type="checkbox"/> Merciful <input type="checkbox"/> Omnipotent <input type="checkbox"/> Omnipresent <input type="checkbox"/> Omniscient <input type="checkbox"/> Patient <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Existent <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Sufficient <input type="checkbox"/> Sovereign <input type="checkbox"/> Truthful <input type="checkbox"/> Wise <input type="checkbox"/> Wrathful

Discussion Question:

1. When did John the Baptist receive the Holy Spirit and why is it significant?
2. What role does John the Baptist play in preparing the way for Jesus, and how does this relate to the broader theme of fulfillment of prophecy?
3. How does the idea of receiving Jesus and believing in his name in verse 12 connect to salvation and redemption?
4. What implications do the verses 12-13 have for understanding the relationship between God's sovereignty and human responsibility in salvation?

Bible References

Luke 1:13-17 ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Ephesians 1:13-14 ¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who^[a] is the ^[b]guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Mark 1:2-3

² As it is written in ^[a]the Prophets:

"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You."

³ "The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make His paths straight.' "

Isaiah 53:1-3

53 Who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,
And as a root out of dry ground.

He has no ^[a]form or ^[b]comeliness;

And when we see Him,

There is no ^[a]beauty that we should desire Him.

³ He is despised and ^[a]rejected by men,

A Man of ^[a]sorrows and acquainted with ^[b]grief.

And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him;

He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

John 3:5-8

⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 11:25-26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 6:44

⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ 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.

Philippians 1:6

⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

Hebrews 4:7

⁷ again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said:

"Today, if you will hear His voice,

Do not harden your hearts."