

John-West Sub #3-Notes

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A few additional thoughts from last week: John 1: 5

- “That **light** shines in the darkness, yet the **darkness** did not overcome it.”
 - Present tense-continues to shine.
- **Acts 3: 15** “You killed the **source of life**, (darkness)
 - whom God **raised from the dead. (continues to shine!)**
- **Acts 2: 23-24** “...it was **impossible** for Him to be **held by it (death)**”
- **2 Timothy 1: 10** “Christ **abolished death** and brought to **light immortality and life.**”
 - Through His **resurrection**, he not only **abolished death**, he shown a **light** on what comes after death for the believer: **immortality** and eternal **life**.
- **Revelation 1: 17-18 Jesus:** “I hold the **keys of death.**”
 - Because He **defeated** death: *The keys are in His control!*
 - There is **no fear of death** for the believer.

John is telling us that Christ is not only the **Source of Life**, (v. 4) He has dealt with our greatest fear, our greatest enemy: _____!

John 1: 6-9 John the Baptist is the first human _____ in John’s Gospel.

v. 6 John was sent from: _____

- **Luke 1: 13-17, 76-77, 80**

v. 7 This was his assignment in life:

- Came as a **witness to testify about the** _____
 - so that **all** might _____
- The Apostle John’s goal for writing his Gospel: **John 20: 31**
 - _____ is the central human decision that God seeks.
 - **John 6: 28-29** “...that you believe in the One He has sent.”

v. 8 John himself was **not** the **light**.

- He came to **testify about** the **Light**.
- To **introduce** the **Light** to Israel.
 - *Fulfilling prophecy—for all who were alert! (Isaiah 40: 3-5; Malachi 3: 1, 4: 5)*
- **John 5: 35**, Jesus calls John a “**burning and shining** _____” that testified to the truth about Jesus.
 - A lamp is **not** itself a light, but it is a _____ of the light.
 - **Matthew 5: 14-16** John was a lamp witnessing to the light—
 - We are all lamps--**shining the light of God through our good works**--
—so people around us will indeed see and be drawn to our Father.

v.9 Jesus is the _____ **Light** who gives **light** to **everyone**—He was coming into the world.

- Implies there are **false** lights.
- “**gives light,**” **present tense**—ongoing—continually gives light to **everyone**.
- **How does Christ continually give light to everyone?**
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- **John 8: 12.** “I am the **Light** of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in **darkness** but will have the **light** of light.”
- **Acts 26: 17b-18** God sent Paul “to open their eyes...to turn from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins.”

“As the **true Light**, Christ alone can give _____ the proper understanding of itself.”

- *Every human being searches for the **light**—that is, he searches for an understanding of himself: Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going?*
- “Only in the revelation that occurs in Jesus can man receive the proper understanding of his existence--which he constantly seeks and fails to find.”

John 1: 10-13

v. 10 “He was in the world, and the world was **created** through Him, yet the world did not **recognize** Him.

- **Romans 1: 20-22** “...though they *knew* God, they did not _____ Him as God...”

v. 11 “He came **into His own home** (of humans) and His own **family** (of human beings) did not welcome Him.”

- “**eis ta idia**” The next time this phrase is used in this Gospel is at the Cross when we are told that John takes Jesus’ mother, Mary, “**eis ta idia**,” **into his own** _____ (19:27)
 - John is telling us that God has come down *personally, fully humanly into His own home, (neuter pl.) the world.*
- *But His own family, (masculine pl.) (literally “His unique ones.”) did not receive Him.*
 - “So God comes down into His own home, the created world of human beings, and very personally meets and greets His own unique and special family. He was not only **not welcomed**—he was executed.”
 - **John 3: 19** “And this is the judgment: that the **Light** has come into the world, but human beings **loved** the _____ **more than the Light**, because the way they lived was foul.”

v. 12 “But **all** who did **receive** Him, (*lambano-welcome*)

- were given the right to be (become) **children of God**.
 - to those who **believe in** His name (*pisteuo eis-believe into*)
 - *to be committed to*
 - *to entrust oneself*
 - *present tense participle--are believing (ongoing)*
 - **name** = _____ (*onoma*) Acts 1:15 The crowd numbered 120 (names) persons.
 - *receive* and *believe into* are essentially synonyms.
- Genuine _____ results in a “**spiritual birth**.”
- Here John gives us the goal of the entire Gospel (20: 31) To move men and women to **welcome** and **believe in** this unique person, Jesus.

v. 13 tells us that “**spiritual birth**” is an **act of** _____

- “**Not of blood**” (*bloods*) -from human descent—a good bloodline (from a confluence of bloods—biologically.)
- “**Not of the will of the flesh**” -human desire.
- “**Not the will of man**” -human willpower.

Regeneration is the mysterious work of the _____ . (John 3: 5-8)

Next Week—The Word became flesh!