

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for August 16-17, 2003

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"The Word Incarnate"

John 1:12-13

What makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man?

What we learned about the Word and God in John 1:1-2 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man. What we learned about the Word and creation in John 1:3-5 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man. What we learned about the Word and John the Baptist in John 1:6-8 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man.

What we learned about the Word incarnate in John 1:9-14 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man. We learned that the Word, the true light, who alone is able to enlighten every man, chose to come into the world (John 1:9). We learned that the true light was rejected (John 1:10-11).

We learn that though the true light was rejected by the multitudes, there were some who chose to receive Him (John 1:12).

Those who receive the Word become the children of God (John 1:12).

Those who have received Christ can be assured they have become God's children based on the authority of God Himself.

The word translated "right" (EXCOUSIA) means that there is a freedom to act or an authority to act.

Those who receive Christ based on the authority of God Himself will not probably become a child of God, they will become a child of God.

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We can become confident that we have received Christ and therefore have been given the right to become a child of God if we have believed in the name of Christ.

When John is talking about believing in Christ's name, he is talking about believing in the person of Christ as He is revealed in the Scripture (John 20:31).

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words tells us that the word "believing" (PISTEUEIN) means persuaded, hence to put confidence in, to trust, not mere assent.

Those who have chosen to believe in His name do not have to guess whether or not they have received Him, they will know by the way they live their lives.

Those who become children of God can only become children of God by the grace of God (John 1:13).

If someone is going to become a child of God it will only happen by God's choice (Ephesians 2:8-9).

"See how great of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3: