

Prologue to the Gospel of John – Part II

John 1:6-18
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I. Introduction

- A. Review of verse 1-5
- B. Overview of verses 6-18
 - 1. We meet John the Baptist – vs. 6-8
 - 2. Jesus the true light – vs. 9-13
 - 3. Jesus the Word becoming flesh – vs. 14-18

II. The Word (logos) at birth – 6-18

- A. John the Baptizer – vs. 6-8
 - 1. He was sent by God – v. 6
 - a. We too are “sent ones”
 - i. See John 20:21
 - 2. He was to “testify about the Light so all would believe through Him” – v. 7
 - 3. He “John” is not the light – v. 8
- B. Jesus: The true Light – vs. 9-13
 - 1. Jesus the true light, thus there are false ones – v. 9
 - a. The ultimate false one is “*the man of sin*” (KJV), “*man of lawlessness*” – II Thessalonians 2:3
 - 2. Jesus the creator was not recognized by His creation – v. 10
 - 3. Even His own Israel did not receive Him – v. 11
 - 4. But “as many” (anyone) that received Him or “*believe in His name*”, “*become children of God*” – v. 12
 - 5. Who were born (“*born again*” John 3:7) – v. 13
 - a. “*not of blood*” - salvation is not inherited
 - b. “*nor the will the flesh*” – a decision made by another
 - c. “*but of God*” – salvation is a work of God for man and not a work of man for God
- C. Jesus (the word) becomes flesh – vs. 14-18
 - 1. The eternal Word (logos) became flesh – Isaiah 7:14; 9:6
 - a. We see for the first time the Glory of God – Exodus 33:12-23; John 1:14
 - 2. Jesus, full of “*grace and truth*” – v. 14

D. John’s testimony – v. 15-18

- 1. He (Jesus) has a higher rank than me – v. 15a
- 2. He (Jesus) existed before me although John was six months older than Jesus
- 3. He (Jesus) is full of grace – vs. 14 and 16
- 4. He (Jesus) revealed both grace and truth – v. 17
- 5. No one has ever seen God the Father but Jesus “*has explained Him*” – v. 18