

Study questions for John 1 (Part 2) :6-18

- The author gives an overview of the ministry of John the Baptist. Read **Luke 7:29**. What was the key to John's success in preparing the hearts of people to hear Jesus?
- What does it say about Jesus when John refers to Him as "the light"? How about "the TRUE light"?
- What are **verses 10 and 11** trying to communicate to us about our ability as humans to know God?
- **Verse 12** gives a wonderful promise. What is it?
- In what sense is becoming a child of God a matter of a person's will (see 1:12)?
- **Verse 13** emphasizes that our birth as children of God is not natural. Why do you think John stressed this point as much as he did?
- How could you use **verses 12 and 13** to respond to someone who said, "I was born into a Christian family" as the reason for why they now believed themselves to be a Christian?
- **Something to Ponder**: We don't really use the phrase "**believed in his name**" anymore but in ancient times, someone's name represented the essence of their character. To believe "on the name" (literally) of Jesus means to trust who He is.
- When John wrote, **the Word became flesh**; he is telling us in graphic language that Jesus was fully man. Why is that important?
- Compare 1:1 to 1:14. Who is the Word "*with*" in each verse and what is incredible about this shift?
- Christians use the phrase "*the Word of God*" to refer to both Jesus and the Bible. In what sense are they both the *logos*, and in what sense must we carefully distinguish between them?
- What would you say to someone who told you that to remain saved Christians must successfully keep the Ten Commandments? What Scripture passages would you use to respond?
- Why is verse 18 a good one for proving the deity of Jesus Christ? How could you use it when responding to someone who wasn't sure?