



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Series: Good News for a change!

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Hope for a change!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **John 1:1-17.**

1. Jesus is the hope that brings light

- Isaiah 9:2 The promise 100 years in the making.
- Jesus brings light. Vs 5 & 9

2. We can have confidence in Jesus.

- The word was from the beginning & the word was God.
- John bore witness to Jesus. Vs 7 & 8.

3. The hope of Jesus is the hope of adoption.

- Jesus was came to those who would not receive him.
- Jesus came to effect adoption in the lives of those who received and believed. John 1:12-13.

4. In Jesus- our hope of seeing God is realized.

- Jesus has made God known. John 1:18.

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read John 1:1-5. What does John tell us about “the Word?”
2. Read John 1:6-8. What was John the Baptists’ role in the coming of Christ? How was he a witness to the light?
3. Read John 1:9-11. How did people to respond to Jesus (the light) when he came?
4. Read John 1:12-14. What is the fate of those who believe and receive Jesus as the light?
5. Read John 1:15-18. What does John say about the light in this section and what does Jesus add to our seeing?

B. Meditation & application

6. Jesus is referred to here as – “the word, the light and the answer to the problem of “no one ever seeing God.” What do these three things have in common and what do they reveal about Christ?
7. How can we be like John and how is ongoing role as Christians meant to be like Johns’ role in the story of Jesus? What can you do this week to be like John in this way?
8. What are the privileges of receiving Christ and believing in him according to this passage? How does that make you feel and how does it speak to the needs of others in our lives who don’t know Christ?
9. What light is Jesus shining in your life right now? How could his light overcome more of the dark in your life and heart?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- we thank you for sending your Son Jesus. We thank you that he ushered in the Kingdom of God and he is making all things new. Help us to bring light into our world by believing and receiving the Son in every way. Amen.