

Lessons from John - #1
Christ & John the Baptizer
John 1:6-9 (v.6-34)
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Thesis: I want to remind us of what we can learn from Christ's purpose and John's message.

Intro: 1.
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I. Christ begins His time on earth (14,10-13)

A. Christ became human (v.14)

1. Christ is the word (**v.1-2**); in **v.14** Christ (the word) was revealed in the flesh.
 - i. He took on human flesh.
2. Christ dwelt on the earth as the Son of God in human form.
3. They beheld His Glory, the Glory that resides on the Son of God.
4. His glory and His message was from God, not man – *“as of the only begotten of the Father”* (v.14b)

B. The mission of Christ (**Lk 19:10**; v.10-13)

1. Some rejected Christ (v.10-11)
 - a. He was rejected by some (**v.10**)
 - b. He was rejected by His own people (**v.11**)
2. Some received Him (**v.12-13**)
 - a. (**v.12**) Those who received His word, accepted it, had been given the privilege to become children of God.
 - i. Two things we learn from verse 12 - You cannot obey what you have not heard and simply hearing the word is not the only thing a person must do.
 - b. (**v.13**) – These here are those who are children of God because they have gone through the new birth (**John 3:1-3**)

II. Christ's forerunner (1:6-9, 15-34)

A. Christ's faithful forerunner (v.6-9,15-34)

1. John the baptizer and the crowds (v.6-9,15-18)
 - i. He is to serve as a witness to Christ (**v.6-9**)
 - a. John the baptizer was sent from God to be a witness of Christ on the earth (v.6-7)
 - b. The “Light” is a reference to Christ, we know this because:
 1. He is the Light of men (**v.4**)
 2. He is the Light that is not overcome (**v.5**)
 3. He is the Light which gives light to all mankind (**v.9**)
 - ii. Christ is greater than John or Moses (v.15-18)
 - a. John freely proclaims that Christ is the one whom men should obey and that from God's fullness blessings abound (**v.15-16**)
 - b. Grace and truth that brings salvation comes to us through the Jesus Christ, true righteousness that brings life comes through Christ (**v.17, Gal 3:21**)

- c. No one has seen God except Christ (**v.18**), therefore again, Christ is greater than all others.
- B. John the baptizer and the critics (v.19-28)
 - 1. John says that he is not the Messiah (**v.19-20**)
 - 2. John says that he is not Elijah (**v.21**)
 - 3. John says that he has been sent to prepare the way for the Lord (**v.22-27**)
- C. John the Baptizer and the Christ (**v.29-34**)
 - 1. John recognizes who Christ is immediately (**v.29a**)
 - 2. He then proclaims that Christ is the “Lamb of God” that will take away the sins of mankind (**v.29b**)
 - 3. John the proclaims reminds the people that this is the Son of God whom He had told them about (**v.30-34**).

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. Christ came to earth for you. (**v.10-13**)
 - 1. Christ came from a place of true peace and comfort.
 - 2. He left such a wonderful place to come to earth for you and me.
 - 3. He came to endure suffering, mocking, persecution and death to save mankind from their sins.
- B. Christ is the only hope, the only light for mankind. (**v.4-7**)
 - 1. No one can save mankind from their sins except the Son of God.
 - 2. No one else can buy man back but Christ (**Mt 20:28**)
 - 3. John the baptizer, a man with a mission from God, knew that he was not the savior, but that Christ was the savior of the world. (**v.19-20**)

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. Let us remember what Christ left for us and be grateful.
 - a. We struggle after vacations, imagine leaving heaven to come here.
- 2. Christ endured and sacrificed a lot for mankind, what have you sacrificed for Him?
- 3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9