

Witnesses to the Light | *Ua Timkhawv Rau qhov Kaj*
February 4, 2026 | John 1:6–13 (Living as children of God)

6-Vajtswv txib ib tug txivneej uas yog Nws tus tub cev lus hu ua Yauhas 7-los ua timkhawv txog qhov **kaj**, kom txhua tus thiaj tau hnov Txojlus ntawd thiab **ntseeg**. 8-Yauhas tsis yog qhov **kaj**; nws tsuas los ua timkhawv txog qhov **kaj** xwb. 9-No thiaj yog qhov **kaj** uas tseeb tiag: qhov **kaj** tau los rau hauv lub ntiaj teb thiab ci rau txhua haivneeg.

10-Txojlus twb los nyob hauv ntiaj teb no lawm, thiab Vajtswv tsim lub ntiaj teb no yog los ntawm Nws, tiamsis neeg ntiaj teb tsis paub Nws.

11-Nws los rau hauv Nws lub teb lub chaw, tiamsis Nws haivneeg tsis **lees yuav** Nws. 12-Tiamsis txhua tus uas los **lees yuav** Nws thiab **ntseeg** Nws, Nws pub lawv muaj cai los ua Vajtswv cov menyuam.

13-Lawv tau los ua Vajtswv cov menyuam tsis yog rawsli neeg nqajitawv ibtxwm muaj menyuam, uas yog muaj niam muaj txiv yug; tiamsis Vajtswv tuskheej yog lawv txiv ntag.

6-God sent his messenger, a man named John, 7-who came to tell people about the **light**, so that all should hear the message and **believe**. 8-He himself was not the **light**; he came to tell about the light. 9-This was the real **light**—the **light** that comes into the world and shines on all people.

10-The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. 11-He came to his own country, but his own people did not **receive** him. 12-Some, however, did **receive** him and **believed** in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children. 13-They did not become God's children by natural means, that is, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father.

Key Scripture - John | Yauhas 1:12

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*Tiamsis txhua tus uas los lees **yuav** Nws thiab **ntseeg** Nws, Nws pub lawv muaj cai los ua Vajtswv cov **menyuam**.*

God calls **ordinary** people to **witness** to the Light so that others may **believe** and become **children** of God.

1. John the Baptist: A Witness, Not the Light | Yauhas Npastistaus: ib tug timkhawv, tsis yog tus kaj (John | Yauhas 1:6–8)

Background: John the Baptist

A. Historical Background

- **Parentage:** Son of Zechariah (a priest) and Elizabeth (Luke 1:5–25).
- **Miraculous Birth:** Announced by the angel Gabriel; born to prepare the way for the Messiah.

B. Spiritual and Prophetic Role

- **Fulfillment of Prophecy:**
 - Isaiah 40:3 – “A voice crying in the wilderness.”
 - Malachi 3:1 – A messenger preparing the way of the Lord.
- **Mission:** Call Israel to repentance and prepare hearts for Christ.
- **Self-Understanding:** John consistently denied being the Messiah (John 1:20); he identified himself as a voice, not the Word.

C. Relationship to Jesus

- John acknowledged Jesus' superiority (John 1:27; 3:30).
- He baptized Jesus and witnessed the Spirit descend upon Him (John 1:32–34).
- His ministry decreases as Christ's ministry increases.

John the Baptist models humility, faithfulness, and clarity of purpose—pointing away from himself and toward Christ.

John the Baptist teaches us what it means to be a true witness.

- John was sent **by God, not** self-appointed.
- His role was to **testify, not** to save.
- John knew clearly who he was **not**.

John was a **witness, not** the light. (*Yauhas yog tus timkhawv, tsis yog qhov Kaj*)

Reflection Question: Why is it important to know the difference between being a witness and trying to be the Light? *Vim licas peb yuav tsum paub tseeb txog tus timkhawv thiab xav ua qhov kaj?*

2. The Tragedy of Rejection | *Tus Siab Yog Tsis Txais* (John 1:9–11)

Jesus is described as the **True Light** that gives light to **all** people.

- The world did **not** recognize Him.
- His own people did **not** receive Him.
- Being familiar with religion does **not** guarantee **faith**.

Reflection Question:

What are some modern ways people reject Jesus without openly opposing Him? *Puas muaj tej yam uas neeg tsis kav ntseeg Yexus es tsis tas lawv tsab suab tawmtsam Vajtswv?*

3. Belief and a New Identity |

Ntseeg & tus Neeg Tshiab (John 1:12–13)

To believe in Jesus means more than knowing facts.

Belief includes:

- **Receiving Jesus**
- **Trusting Jesus**
- **Surrendering to Jesus**

When we believe, we become **children of God**.

This new identity is **NOT** based on:

- **Family** background (*Cajceg*)
- Religious or culture *Dab qhuas los yog kev cai*)

- **Good** works (*Ua lub neej zoo*)

But it is a **spiritual birth from God**. (*tiamsi yog yug duatsiab sab ntsub plig los ntawm Vajtswv*)

Reflection Question: *How does knowing you are a child of God change how you live? Koj lub neej hloov li cas yog tias koj paub tias koj yog Vajtswv tus menyuam?*

Identity Statement (Check One | *Khij ib Qho*)

I live my life trying to **become** God's child - OR -

I live my life **because I am** God's child

APPLICATION: Living as Children of God

As Witnesses | *Ib Tug Timkhawv*

- Point people to Christ, **not** personal success or spirituality.
- Live with humility and clarity of purpose.

As Believers | *Ib Tug Ntseeg*

- Continually receive Christ—**not** only at conversion but in daily trust and obedience.
- Allow belief to shape values, decisions, and responses.

As Children of God | *Vajtswv Ib Tug Menyuum*

- Live from security, **not** performance.
- Reflect the Father's character: truth, grace, love, and light.
- Resist defining identity by culture, achievement, or background.