



“Every Good Gift”

John 1:6–13

Introduction:

John 1:6–13 – “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

The Gift of the Messenger (vv. 6–8):

The Messenger’s Call

“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.” (v. 6)

Matthew 6:20–21 – “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Messenger’s Character

“He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.” (v. 8)

John 3:30 – “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

The Messenger’s Cause

“He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might BELIEVE through him.” (v. 7)

The Gift of Adoption (vv. 12–13)

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” (vv. 12–13)

Not by blood: No “grandfather” clause.

Not by will: We can't earn it; we don't deserve it.

But by God: James 1:17 – “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

The Gift's Rejection (vv. 10–11)

Those Who Can't See

“He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.” (v. 10)

Psalm 19:1–2 – “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.”

Those Who Won't See

“He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.” (v. 11)

John 3:19 – “And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.”

Conclusion:

Lord, I believe, but help my unbelief (Mark 9:24).

Romans 10:17 – “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How is the simple act of believing a gift from God?
2. How has your view of the role you have to bear witness changed after the message?
3. Who were the people who were instrumental in telling you about Jesus? How did their willingness to tell you about Jesus influence you?
4. Read Romans 10:9–17. Describe the connection between hearing the word and believing.