

# ***Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study***

## **GOD WANT'S YOU TO BE HIS CHILD**

**Week of December 24, 2017 A.D.**

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” Let’s talk about that in this lesson.

### **Read John 1:1-14**

**Note:** In this passage, the word “Word” is a direct reference to Jesus. Similarly, except for the reference to John the baptizer in verses 6-8, this passage is all about Jesus.

1. Verses 1 – 3 state that Jesus is God. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “All of human existence from the beginning of time is intended for one primary purpose: the God of the universe wants to have a personal, family relationship with every person who has ever lived.”
2. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “As much as God wants to have a personal relationship with every human being, few (if any) of us devote much time or effort to discovering who God is and what He wants from us or for us.”

### **Read John 1:4 – 9**

3. Is it true that we live in a world which is spiritually dark? Please explain your answer.
4. If you are a Christian, do you agree that Jesus is “the true light that gives light to every man”? If you are not a Christian, do you have a need in your life for Jesus (or any other source) to be your “spiritual light”? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

### **Read John 1:10 – 13**

5. Does the world “recognize” Jesus today? Please explain your answer.
6. Does the church in America “recognize” Jesus today? Please explain your answer.

7. Verse 11 refers to the rejection of Jesus by the Jews during Jesus' life on earth. Why did the Jews not "receive" Jesus as their Messiah? Why do people today – both Jews and non-Jews – not receive Jesus as their Savior? Please explain your answers.
8. Refer to verses 11 – 12. What does it mean to "receive" Jesus? Please explain your answer.
9. Are all human beings children of God? Please explain your answer. Is there any Scripture verse or Scripture passage which answers that question? If so, what does that verse or passage say? (You may want to read Romans 8:12-17)

**Read John 3:3 – 8**

10. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "A person is spiritually dead – and he or she can't have a relationship with God – unless and until that person is "born again" by inviting the Spirit of God into his life through faith in Jesus the Christ."

**Read John 3:31 – 36**

11. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "God does not condemn anybody. People condemn themselves by refusing to believe in Jesus as their Savior."
12. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "God is imminently fair. God allows each person to choose their own eternal destiny. They can choose to live in heaven for eternity by believing in Jesus or they can choose to live in hell by refusing to believe in Jesus."

**Consider:** God's desire from the beginning of time has been (and always will be) to receive everybody into His family. But, God is light (absolute purity and righteousness) and in Him there is no darkness (sin or evil) at all. So, God can have no fellowship with those who choose to live in darkness. God allows us to choose whether we want to be one of His children in the kingdom of light or to be a child of His enemy (Satan) in the kingdom of darkness. "You think about that." Amen.