

Sunday Feb. 11, 2007

John 1:1-13

What do I learn about God's character in this Scripture?

Vs. 1-2

- God is eternal
- Jesus "the Word" contains the same eternality of the Father (GSB)
- Jesus "the Word" has the same essence of the Father (GSB)
- God existed before the beginning (GSB)

- "The Word," Jesus, is a person-distinct from the written Law (GSB)
- "With God" makes the distinction between persons in the Godhead (GSB)

- "With God"...a continuous, personal existence distinct from God (JFB)
- "Was God"...not a different God but was the same in essence and character (JFB)

Vs. 3

- He is deity (GSB)
- God is creative (PNT)

Vs. 4

- He has life within Him
- "In Him" = "by Him" he has the power to give life (GSB)

Vs. 5

- Jesus is the "light of the world" (PNT)
- Light = reason and understanding (GSB)

Vs. 6-8

- God's chosen messengers to mankind are members of mankind
- He allows His created beings to work for Him (GSB)
- Only God is the true "Light"

Vs. 9-11

- God is “true”
- Jesus existed before the beginning, He was not devised by the Father (GSB)
- God uses creation to enlighten mankind (GSB)

Vs. 12-13

- God has the power to regenerate a wicked heart (GSB)
- “Power” = the authority and the ability (JFB)

What do I learn about God’s interaction with mankind in this Scripture?

Vs. 1-2

- “The Word”, Christ, is to God what Man’s word is to himself.... the manifestation or expression of himself to those without him” (JFB)
- Our words explain our minds to others-Jesus was sent to reveal the mind of the Father to the world (MHC)

Vs. 3

- He created and now preserves his creation (GSB)
- He is qualified to redeem through salvation because He created all things (MHC)

Vs. 4

- He gave life to all mankind
- He gives mankind the “light” = reason and understanding (GSB)
- “light of men” = knowledge, integrity, willing subjection to God, love to Him, love to fellow creatures, wisdom, rationale happiness (JFB)

Vs. 5

- God’s light shines even in the sin clouded mind...some fail to comprehend the light.... no excuse (GSB)

Vs. 6-8

- God provided John to challenge the “reason and understanding” within mankind (GSB)
- The darkness of men’s minds is revealed in that they needed someone to draw attention to “the Light” when he appeared (MHC)
- God sent John...one of the same kind to prepare the way for His Son (PNT)

Vs. 9-11

- When mankind refused to seek God, he made Himself as a physical representation (GSB)
- He came to His chosen people, the Jews
- In spite of being rejected by His chosen people, he continued to carry out his plan

Vs. 12-13

- God wants to make us a part of His family (GSB)
- God “rebirths” us in a spiritual way (GSB)

What do I learn about God’s purpose for me in this Scripture?

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Legend

GSB = Geneva Study Bible

JFB = Jamison Faucet and Brown

MHC = Mathew Henry Condensed

PNT = Peoples New Testament

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