

# John 1:6-28

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## *Deity of Christ*

### **John 1:6-28 (HCSB)**

- <sup>6</sup> There was a man named John who was sent from God.
- <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him.
- <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.
- <sup>9</sup> The true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
- <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was created through Him, yet the world did not recognize Him.
- <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.
- <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive Him, He gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in His name,
- <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.
- <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- <sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning Him and exclaimed, “This was the One of whom I said, ‘The One coming after me has surpassed me, because He existed before me.’”)
- <sup>16</sup> Indeed, we have all received grace after grace from His fullness,
- <sup>17</sup> for the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. The One and Only Son— the One who is at the Father’s side— He has revealed Him.

### **John the Baptist’s Testimony**

- <sup>19</sup> This is John’s testimony when the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, “Who are you?”
- <sup>20</sup> He did not refuse to answer, but he declared: “I am not the Messiah.”
- <sup>21</sup> “What then?” they asked him. “Are you Elijah?” “I am not,” he said. “Are you the Prophet?” “No,” he answered.
- <sup>22</sup> “Who are you, then?” they asked. “We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What can you tell us about yourself?”
- <sup>23</sup> He said, “I am a voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord—just as Isaiah the prophet said.”
- <sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.
- <sup>25</sup> So they asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you aren’t the Messiah, or Elijah, or the Prophet?”

<sup>26</sup> “I baptize with water,” John answered them. “Someone stands among you, but you don’t know [Him]. <sup>27</sup> He is the One coming after me, whose sandal strap I’m not worthy to untie.”

<sup>28</sup> All this happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

## **Gene Getz Video**

### **Hyperlink**

<http://www.bhpublishinggroup.com/QR/GetzBible/1106>

### **Lesson Principle**

When we truly understand who the Lord Jesus Christ is and what He has done for us, we should respond by believing in Him and receiving Him as personal Savior.

### **Lesson Reflection**

What does it really mean to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to receive Him as personal Savior?

### **Video Recap**

John outlined the key to his message in the very first lines of his Gospel.

- Jesus Christ and God the Father are one and the same.
  - Therefore, Jesus has always existed.
  - He was there at the beginning of time and participated in the creation of the universe.
  - He is the author and sustainer of life.
  - For who He is,
    - Jesus deserves ardent, wholehearted worship.

### **Video Recap (continued)**

But there is more!

- Jesus Christ, equal with God and the very essence of life and light,
  - Left heaven and came to earth as a human being to live among us.
- In Christ, the glorious, eternal God walked among mankind,
  - So that those who looked at Jesus were indeed looking at Yahweh Himself!

## Video Recap (continued)

Finally, and most exciting of all for sinful humanity, Jesus Christ had a wonderful purpose for coming to earth.

- Metaphorically, He brought light to everyone and revealed God's grace and truth.
  - In other words, He offered an intimate relationship with God to any who would receive it through Him.
- This is the good news at the heart of the gospel:
  - Those who are born again, born of God through Jesus Christ,
    - Become children of God and inherit eternal life and immeasurable spiritual riches.
- Once we hear and understand this gospel,
  - The only reasonable response is to accept this magnificent gift and
    - Gratefully offer all our praise and worship to God.

## Disciple Study Bible

### DSB [1:6](#) JESUS CHRIST, John

#### *John 1:6 (MSG)*

There once was a man, his name John ([Mk 1:4](#)), sent by God

#### *Mark 1:4 (MSG)*

John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins.

John represented God but not in the way Jesus did.

- John was a messenger leading people to believe in Christ.

### DSB [1:7](#), [12](#), SALVATION, Belief

#### *John 1:7, 12 (MSG)*

<sup>7</sup> to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to **believe** in.

<sup>12</sup> But whoever did want him, who **believed** he was who he claimed and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves.

This Gospel has a marked preference for the word "believe."

- The word is found in almost every chapter in some form.

- John the Baptist bore witness to Jesus Christ as the Light of the world that persons might believe in Him.
- The Jewish people were reluctant to believe in Jesus.
- Those who did believe in Him, He made sons and daughters of God.
  - Nathaniel believed in Jesus because Jesus saw him under the fig tree.
    - We should believe in Him because He is the way to God and eternal life.

### **DSB [1:7-9](#) EVANGELISM, Personal**

#### ***John 1:7-9 (MSG)***

<sup>7</sup> to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in. <sup>8</sup> John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light. <sup>9</sup> The Life-Light was the real thing: Every person entering Life he brings into Light.

John illustrated personal witnessing.

- Despite his own power and popularity,
  - He pointed people to Christ and away from himself.
    - He sought to bring people to believe in Christ.

### **DSB [1:10-13](#) ELECTION, Faith**

#### ***John 1:10-13 (MSG)***

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, the world was there through him, and yet the world didn't even notice. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own people, but they didn't want him. <sup>12</sup> But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves. <sup>13</sup> These are the God-begotten, not blood-begotten, not flesh-begotten, not sex-begotten.

Jesus, chosen of God, was rejected by His own people.

- God elected to reject the people who took pride in their election.
  - Those who accepted Jesus in faith became sons and daughters of God.
  - Election is God's decision to accept as His people those who trust Jesus for salvation.

- The opportunity for faith is a gift of God's grace, not of human achievement.

## **DSB [1:14-18](#) REVELATION, Jesus Christ**

### *John 1:14-18 (MSG)*

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

<sup>15</sup> John pointed him out and called, "This is the One! The One I told you was coming after me but in fact was ahead of me. He has always been ahead of me, has always had the first word."

<sup>16</sup> We all live off his generous bounty, gift after gift after gift.

<sup>17</sup> We got the basics from Moses, and then this exuberant giving and receiving, This endless knowing and understanding— all this came through Jesus, the Messiah.

<sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, not so much as a glimpse. This one-of-a-kind God-Expression, who exists at the very heart of the Father, has made him plain as day.

## **DSB [1:14-18](#) REVELATION, Jesus Christ (continued)**

God's presence became a human being and revealed the fullness of God's identity in flesh.

- The glory of God became visible as grace and truth which all people need.
  - He is a greater revelation than Moses' Law which revealed God's guidelines for life.
  - He shows those guidelines can really be lived out in human flesh on earth.
    - He is God in flesh letting us see what otherwise was impossible to see.

## **Questions and Comments**

With time remaining, let's discuss:

What does it really mean to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to receive Him as personal Savior?