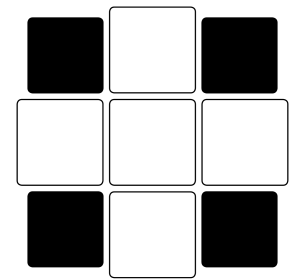


John's Witness to the First Advent

Scripture: **John 1:12-13**

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Overview

All of us by nature are children of wrath. We are enslaved by sin and therefore carry out the desires of our body and mind without regard for God. But God has chosen some to believe in his Son and become His adopted children. This incredible exchange—our sin and justly earned wrath for Jesus' righteousness and justly earned inheritance—motivates us to live obediently by the Spirit. **The coming of Christ calls for our becoming like Christ.**

Corroborating Texts

Romans 11:17-24, Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Ephesians 1:4-5, John 8:35, Hebrews 12:6-11, 1 Corinthians 3:21-23

Discussion Questions

1. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and is your only hope for salvation? If so, why do you believe this? [though there are many instruments that God uses to open our hearts and minds to the gospel, ultimately true faith is entirely a gift from God—see John 1:13, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 6:44]
2. When you judge those in the world, do you remember your position as an adopted child of God with an inheritance that is not natural or earned, but rather gifted? How can you better remember this?
3. Why is it important to know that our adoption was secured with an imperishable ransom? How should this affect how you live? [1 Peter 1:14-17]
4. Discuss all the ways in which the coming of Christ provides, enables, motivates and powers righteous living.