

# ***“Source”***

John 1:9-13

**INTRO: VIDEO:** **“Alive”** (All Sons & Daughters)

**T/S:** ...a song & a sermon of miraculous hope!

We MUST come to supernaturally understand & appreciate  
BOTH our utter hope-lessness WITHOUT Christ...

AND

...our impenetrable, eternal hope IN-CHRIST.  
Herein lies contextual twins of the GOSPEL...  
the “good news” of Jesus Christ.

- JDP

## Today’s “Con-text”

(John 1:1-8)

### **The Word Became Flesh**

**1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.*

**3** *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

**4** *In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

**6** *There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light,*

*so that through him all men might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.*

**Qt:** “While John the Baptist was the *agent* of belief, Jesus Christ is the *object* of belief.” - John MacArthur

Today’s Text:

**9** *The **true** Light, that gives light to every man was coming into the world.*

- Note: **“true” Light** vs. false teachers/religio
- Miraculous, demonstrative love = **“no excuses”**
- All creation sings the symphony of our Creator God

Lyric:     *“My life is yours... My hope is in You – Only!”*

*“The heartbeat of my life...  
Is to worship in your Light...  
Because your glory is so beautiful...  
because your glory is so beautiful.”*

**VIDEO: “Your Glory”** (All Sons & Daughters)

**10** *He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.*

- Tragically, the world wanted the worldly...
- Blinded by sin... they did not want to worship Him

- So it is for all who remain biblically blind... dead in our sin

Lyric:     *When all the pieces seem to splatter...  
                  all around the floor...  
                  And all that seems to matter...  
                  Is that I don't feel it any more...*

*I NEED a "reason" to sing...*

**VIDEO: "A Reason To Sing"** (All Sons & Daughters)

*11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.*

- To "receive" Him is to "cleave" to Him...
- Receiving means "believing" – "loving" – "trusting"
- Receiving means GLORIFYING our KING!

Lyric:             *"In your glory we're amazed...  
                          BY your glory we're amazed!"*

*"All glory... All honor... It's all praise to You"*

**VIDEO: "All Praise to You"** (Sons & Daughters)

The KEY Verse in our TEXT today:

***12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God***

KEY: A). **"to ALL"** (John 3:16)

--- None are "too bad" AND none are  
"good enough"

--- "ALL" defines LOVE & HOPE

"God doesn't pick trophies... He makes them.  
And even then, His... are not trophies of "goodness,"  
but rather,  
God's treasured & transformed are His 'trophies' of grace."  
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The 12 disciples were poster-children for the ordinary...  
they were misfits...

Note contrast between Pharisee & Tax Collector...  
Key is the heart!

B). **"who received... who believed"**

Note how "easy" it is to become a child of both...  
God and/or the Devil...

- God's are by grace...

\* God's gift of grace both gives and  
takes your entire life

- The Devil's adoption comes by default...

\* Doing nothing costs you  
EVERYTHING!

C). **"in His name"**

1<sup>st</sup> LORD

2<sup>nd</sup> SAVIOR

D). **"He gave"**

- Grace is Always a God-given Gift!

- *...no can come unless Father draws...*
- Ephesians 2:8-9 (*grace by faith*)

E). **"the right"** (a.k.a. **"ADOPTION"**)

Like kids on their parents insurance... they have a choice.

Being adopted = **a one time thing**... no daily paperwork...

- *I will never leave you nor forsake you*
- *no one can take them out of my hand*

God will neither push nor drag anyone into heaven!

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F). **"to become children of God"**

- \* Hell-bound (Past)
- \* Justified ( @ gospel )
- \* Sanctifying (Present)
- \* Glorification (Future!)

Lyric: "Will your grace run out... if I let you down?"

"...I am a sinner... if its not one thing its another"

**VIDEO: "Brokenness Aside"** (Sons & Daughters)

*13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

*Qt:* Grace does not run in the blood,  
like corruption does." - Matthew Henry

- The distinction noted here is ETERNAL!
- The distinction note here will be seen in the **FRUIT...**
- Children **"born (again) of God"** LOVE their DADDY!

"The gospel is not about the rich helping the poor,  
it's not about the informed teaching the ignorant...  
No...

Instead, the gospel's mission is about DISCIPLES  
impacting the damned  
with the message & ministry of Jesus Christ  
- no more, no less!

The Gospel brings love & life to the lost."  
- JDP

Lyric:     *"Your Spirit speaks... it moves in me...  
...and I am awakened to Your love.  
You're drawing me... onto my knees...  
...and I am ASTOUNDED by Your love.  
Because You spoke life into my lungs...  
...and You are the air I breathe...  
...You are the air I breathe....."*

**VIDEO: "Spirit Speaks"** (Sons & Daughters)

**T/S:** v.14 serves as our closing promise & passion...

*14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.  
**We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,  
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.***

**T/S:**     If that's not your truth... your promise... your  
passion...

KNOW that it COULD BE... Cry out to Jesus!

If that WAS your truth & passion...

KNOW that it COULD be AGAIN... Cry out to Jesus!

***“..to ALL who received Him, to those who believed  
in His name He gave the right to become  
children of God.”***

**THAT MEANS YOU!**

**T/S:** *“Today’s surrender is tomorrow freedom...”* - All Sons & Daughters

Let’s **PRAY...**

Song: ***“You Make Beautiful Things”***

Song: *“Brokenness Aside” (live)*

Song: *“Let It Shine”*