

THE RECEPTION OF THE WORD  
(John 1:9-13)

- I. The NATURE of the Light (John 1:9)
  - A. The TRUE Light
    - 1. AUTHENTIC as opposed to COUNTERFEIT
    - 2. ACTUAL as opposed to REFLECTED
  - B. The PRESENT Light
  - C. The ENLIGHTENING Light
    - 1. "EVERY man" knows there is a GOD to whom he is ACCOUNTABLE (cf. Rom. 1:18-21)
    - 2. Jesus is the FULL REVELATION of that Light
- II. The REJECTION of the Light (John 1:10-11)
  - A. UNACKNOWLEDGED by the world
    - 1. Jesus "was IN" the world of MANKIND
    - 2. This world "was MADE" by Him
    - 3. The world of FALLEN humanity "did not KNOW" Him

B. UNACCEPTED by "His own"

1. He came to His PERSONAL PLACE
2. He came to His PARTICULAR PEOPLE
3. They REFUSED to ACCEPT Him

III. The RECEPTION of the Light (John 1:12-13)

A. Those who "received Him" are identified as those to whom He GAVE the right to BECOME children of God

1. "Receiving" Him is a GIFT from Him
2. That gift CHANGES your status
3. We are RE-BORN as God's children

B. They are described as those who BELIEVE in His NAME

1. He is both GOD and MAN
2. He is both SAVIOR and LORD

C. The transaction is described as a BIRTH

1. Not produced by ETHNIC identity
2. Not produced by HUMAN TRANSMISSION
3. Not produced through HUMAN EFFORT
4. But accomplished as a MIRACLE of GOD