

John 1:6-18, Daily Devotions

❑ Monday - Set Apart for God.

John 1:6-8

Speaking of John the Baptist, our text reads, “There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light” (John 1:6-8). John the Baptist was commissioned by God, even before his conception (Lk. 1:5-24, 59-66). The same is said of Jeremiah (Jer. 1:4-5), and the apostle Paul (Gal. 1:15). The Scriptures explicitly state that these men were set apart to point people to God. But is that true only of these men, or only of apostles and prophets? No! Christian, you too have been set apart, to be a one-way sign to point people to Jesus Christ. Dear, man or woman of God, fulfill your commission today!

Read 1 Peter 2:9, 3:15

❑ Tuesday - Children of God.

John 1:12

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12). Christ has removed our certificate of debt (Col. 2:14), and given us instead a certificate of adoption (Rom. 8:15; Eph. 1:5), giving us full rights as sons and daughters of God. “Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are!” (1 John 3:1). Now then, child of God, “walk in a manner worthy of your calling”! (Eph. 4:1).

Read Galatians 4:4-7

❑ Wednesday - Born by the Will of God.

John 1:13

How did you receive Christ? “I believed the message of the Gospel.” Yes, that is the only way of salvation, but how did you believe? “By the exercise of my free will,” says one. How is that? The Bible declares that you were not free, but “a *slave of sin*” (John 8:34; Rom. 6:20), “*dead in your trespasses and sins*” (Eph. 2:1). What can a dead man do? Nothing! Now, I ask you, what part did you have in your physical birth? None, and that is precisely why the Bible likens salvation to birth, and calls the new Christian “born again” (John 3:3), because you “were born [again], not by ... the [enslaved] will of man, but of God” (John 1:13). And what should be our response to our new birth, but to offer up continual praise to our Heavenly Father. As it is written, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has *caused* us to be born again” (1 Peter 1:3).

Read John 6:44; Acts 13:48

❑ Thursday - Waves of Grace.

John 1:16-17

John writes, “For of [Christ’s] fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace” (John 1:16). The Christian life from beginning to end is a function of God’s grace which may be defined as His unmerited favor. The child of God is saved by grace (Eph. 2:8), sanctified by grace (Rom. 6:14), and surrounded with grace as a shield (Psa. 5:12). Like the waves of the ocean, “grace upon grace” continually washes over God’s people. “Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean, in its fullness over me” (Hymn). Christian, today, stop and take notice of the unearned, unmerited favor of God that is toward you and surrounds you.

Read 2 Peter 1:2

❑ Friday - The Only Begotten God.

John 1:14, 18

Concerning Christ, the apostle John writes, “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father ... No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him” (John 1:14, 18, NASB). Christ “is the image of the invisible God” (Col. 1:15), “the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature” (Heb. 1:3). “For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form” (Col. 2:9). Jesus said, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (Jn. 14:9). “I and the Father are one” (Jn. 10:30). Worship Christ the King!

Read John 14:8-11