

How Should We Respond to Christ's Coming?

John 1:10-13

John 1:10-13 ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:10-13 ¹⁰ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἦν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ ὁ κόσμος αὐτὸν οὐκ ἔγνω. ¹¹ εἰς τὰ ἴδια ἦλθεν, καὶ οἱ ἴδιοι αὐτὸν οὐ παρέλαβον. ¹² ὅσοι δὲ ἔλαβον αὐτόν, ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν τέκνα θεοῦ γενέσθαι, τοῖς πιστεύουσιν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, ¹³ οἳ οὐκ ἐξ αἱμάτων οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος σαρκὸς οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος ἀνδρῶς ἀλλ' ἐκ θεοῦ ἐγεννήθησαν.

I. The Response of the World - _____ (vs.10)

A. Christ was _____ the world. (John 1:14).

This is probably the most amazing event in all of history. The God of the universe became a man. He dwelt among men. He lived with us. (Philippians 2:5-8).

B. Christ _____ the world. (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17).

The Creator of the world came into the world. The one in whom all things consist, who holds everything together came to live with His creation. One would think that the creation would be overjoyed to know the creator. One would think that they would worship, obey, seek to know His will his way.

C. The world did not _____ Christ.

Know - γινώσκω, ginōskō - know, have knowledge of; find out, learn, understand;

The world knew of Jesus. He was in the world and live among mankind. Even today, many people know of Jesus. They know some things about Him: He is God; He died on the cross; they may even know the "Christmas Story." However, their knowledge of Him is not a life changing knowledge. They do not truly know Him or their need to believe in Him.

II. The Response of His People – _____ (vs.11)

A. Christ _____ to Israel. (Matthew 1:20-21).

The world may not have known Him, but certainly His own people, who had the prophecy of His coming, who were chosen by Him to be His people would accept their Messiah.

B. Israel did not _____ Christ. (Acts 13:46, 47).

Christ's own people rejected the good news of a Savior and His gift of eternal life to them. Many today have heard the gospel, but have chosen to reject Christ instead of believing in Him.

III. The Response of the Saints – _____ (vs. 12, 13)

A. The saints _____ Christ

John explains what it means to receive Christ – “to those who believe in His name:”

Believe - πιστεύω, pisteuō - believe (in), have faith (in). (Acts 16:30, 31; Ephesians 2:8, 9).

B. The saints became _____ of God

Right – ἐξουσία, exousia - authority, right, liberty; ability, capability;

God has given the right or authority to those who believe to become His children. We have been adopted into His family. (Ephesians 1:3-6).

They were born:

1. Not of _____ – referring to being born naturally. (John 3:3-7).

Some believe that since America is a “Christian nation,” that they are already Christians. They misunderstand the problem of our sin as we stand before a holy God. All are born sinful and none can meet God’s standard.

2. Not of the will of the _____ –

In and of ourselves, we cannot be good enough to be saved. In our flesh no good thing is found. We cannot come to God in our own righteousness. (Romans 7:18; Philippians 3:8, 9).

Many are trusting in their own “goodness,” not realizing that it does not measure up to God’s perfect standard. They cannot be saved by the will of the flesh. It is impossible.

3. Not of the will of _____. (2 Peter 1:21).

Man has never been able to save himself. There is no list of rules that someone has made up which allow a person to be right before God. It is impossible to come to God, except in the way God prescribes.

4. But of _____ – being born of God is the only way someone can be saved. (1 John 5:1; 1 Peter 1:22, 23).

Only God has the ability to save us. (Luke 2:10, 11).

Only those born of God, through faith in Christ are able to become God’s children.

Galatians 4:4-5.

How will you respond to the Savior. Will you choose to ignore Him and His death for you? Will you reject Him? Or will you choose to believe Him?