

“GOD UP CLOSE”

JOHN 1:6-13

The most important event you can witness is when someone who is dead comes back to life; that is, when an unbeliever puts his trust in Jesus Christ. Once spiritually dead, now spiritually alive. Once lost, now found. As such, God prioritizes it to the top of the list.

THE ACTIVE WITNESS OF GOD

① P _____ (1:6-8)

To be a _____ (*marturion*) might just cost you a life – yours.

Though not the Light, John the Baptist would light the way for others to set their eyes upon it.

② P _____ (1:9)

Here are seven brief glimpses in the O.T.:

1. He spoke to _____ (Genesis 22:11-12)
2. He wrestled with _____ (Genesis 32:24)
3. He called to _____ (Exodus 3:2f)
4. He was the _____ of fire/cloud (Ex. 13:21-22)
5. He appeared to _____ (Joshua 6:13f)
6. He called/commissioned _____ (Judges 6:11f)
7. He appeared to _____ (Daniel 10:5-6)

③ P _____ One (1:10)

The greatest gift you can give is yourself and this is what God Himself did. The _____ became like one of His _____.

Nothing compares to what God endured as He cast aside the glory and splendor of majesty to take on the finite, fallen estate of humanity.

④ P _____ (1:11)

Despite the multiple prophecies of His coming, He flew under the radar even to His own.

To this world He created He personally came and yet, His own creation did not receive Him.

CONCLUSION

_____ is the great response that the writer John emphasizes throughout this gospel. You must believe.

You are not simply a child of man; you become a child of God. Salvation has nothing to do with man. It is not:

1. *of blood* → not gained _____.
2. *of the will of the flesh* → not gained _____.
3. *of the will of man* → not gained _____.

Nothing human can bring about this new birth. It must be completely of God. That's why God alone had to actively engage in His witness to this lost world of humanity.