BORN INTO GOD'S FAMILY FOREVER

John 1:6-13; page 860

I. John, the messenger: God sent John to announce that Jesus was coming (John 1:6-9).
   A. God sent John (the baptizer) to announce Jesus was coming to reveal God to the world (6-7).
      Application: We are witnesses of Jesus to others (Acts 1:8).

   B. John was the messenger, but Jesus was the message (8-9).

II. Jesus, the Message: Jesus is rejected by most, but faith in Jesus brings us into God's family (John 1:10-13).
   A. Jesus the eternal Creator came to reveal God but most of the world did not recognize Him (10).

   B. Jesus presented Himself to His people the Jews, but most rejected Him (11).
      Application: We should not be surprised most people reject the gospel (1 Corinthians 1:18-21).

   C. Those who trust in Jesus become God's children (12-13).
      1. God gives full rights as His children to those who put their faith in Jesus Christ (12).
         Application: We are not made right with God by our efforts, but by new birth.

      2. Spiritual birth is essential to be in God's family and is only bestowed by God Himself (13).
         Application: Our true identity is based on what God did for us, not on what the world thinks of us.