

John # 4 “The Messenger” *John 1:4-10*

**What is true of the apostle John is true of every one of us: we don't earn or deserve, nor could we work for a thing from God.**

Because we are born simultaneously physically alive yet spiritually dead, we can have no fellowship with God until we're born again.

**The 6 compartments of the soul:**

1. Self-consciousness—we are aware of our existence.
2. Mentality—we have the ability to understand and process information.
3. *Free-will—we have the ability to choose the right or wrong path in life.*
4. Emotion—we have the capacity to respond to objective truth.
5. Conscience—we have the responsibility to align our standards with God's standards for us.
6. ***Sin nature—we have an inward enemy which constantly seeks to frustrate God's plan for us.***

**In eternity past, God prepared solutions to every problem we would ever face in life (antecedent grace *Ephesians 1:3-6*).**

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will—to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves.”*

**From the very beginning, the Gospel of John illustrates to us that misery, heartache, loneliness, boredom and all feelings of inadequacy are due to lack of understanding of and application of God's grace!**

There is no sin, disaster or catastrophe too great for the plan of God and none of these can remove you from the plan of God.

*The proudest people in the world are believer's who think they've committed a sin that TLJC didn't bear on the cross.*

*TLJC is eternal life and anyone wishing to share in God's eternal life must come to Him exclusively through TLJC.*

**God uses people to declare His Gospel.**

In God's plan, He can take unstable, imperfect man, who possesses a sin nature and is therefore wired to this world, and use such a man (regenerate) in His plan!

*It's not the man but his message that counts.*

A part of every believer's reason for remaining on earth, post-salvation is to witness for Jesus Christ.

**John the Baptist had little if any finances and he wore a burlap sack for clothes and stunk like the wilderness and yet with no gimmicks or showmanship, he was one of the most successful witnesses for**

**Jesus Christ ever!**

**The truth cannot be sugar-coated.**