

# **BELONGING**

**John 1:1-13**



# JOHN THE BAPTIST

- **Not the light but a witness to the light  
v8**
- **Jesus is the true light**
- **John could only point to that light**
- **He could not provide what Jesus could**



# JESUS REJECTION BY THE 'WORLD'

- The 'world' did not recognise him
- Even if he came back now to 'act' the people would still not recognise/follow him

*When Jesus came to Birmingham they simply passed him by,*

*They never hurt a hair of him, they only let him die*

*For men had grown more tender, and they would not give him pain,*

*They only passed down to street, and left him in the rain*



# REJECTION BY HIS OWN PEOPLE-THE JEWS

- 'his own did not recognise him' v11
- This tragedy deeply upset Jesus-  
'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...' Lk. 13:34  
'He wept over it' Lk.\ 19:41

Paul too-

'Great sorrow and unceasing anguish'

Rom. 9:2-4



# AMAZING PRIVILEGES FOR THOSE HOW BELIEVE IN HIM

**3 synonyms for 'born of God' v13**

**a. Received him v12**

**b. Born of God v13**

**c. Believed in his name (in his person)  
v12**

**More than just trust and confidence**



# THE 4 FEATURES OF THIS FAITH

1. ITS SCOPE IS UNIVERSAL
2. IT PROVIDES SECURE BELONGING  
AND A NEW IDENTITY
3. IT OFFERS STATUS
4. FAITH IS A SOVEREIGN ACT OF GOD

