

Hadih! I'm Dick Walker. Welcome to the Carrier Bible Study. 'Awet Yak'usda Ooghuni 'i be whuts'odutil'eh.

In our study of the Gospel of John, in the first four verses of chapter one, we learned that the Lord Jesus Christ is Eternal, 'ilhiz wheni 'unt'oh-un, He is God, Yak'usda 'unt'oh, He is called the Word, Khuni 'unt'oh-un, and He is the Creator, ts'iyaitsuk 'ulya 'unt'oh-un. We also learned that He is the source of Eternal Life, be ts'úkhuna-i 'en oots'u haídanzut, This Eternal Life gives us Light, be hoot'en-i, and this Light helps everyone living in this world to understand about the Eternal Life 'ilhiz be ts'unkhuna-i that He will give to everyone who asks Him.

Here in chapter 1:v. 5 It says that there are people in this world who either don't know about this eternal life, or they don't understand what it means to have eternal life. We read, "And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. Be hóot'en-i tsalhgus yo ts'e whíndi 'ink'ez tsalhgus yo ts'e haínya-un, 'aw yuch'a 'oolhdeh 'aít'oh." Some people are living in the light, and some people are living in the darek. Those who are in the light understand about the eternal life that comes from God through our Lord Jesus Christ, but those who are in the dark, don't know or understand what it means to have eternal life. Either you are in the light, or you are in the dark. If you don't have the eternal "life" that Jesus gives us, you are in the dark. If you are in the dark, you may not understand why you are living in the world today. But God loves us and He knows that people who are walking in the dark need the "light" that He gives. With this light they can understand the meaning of this eternal "life" that He offers to us through Jesus Christ His Son. He loves us and He sends people who have the eternal life to explain to the people who are walking in the dark about this eternal Life that He offers to us.

In verses 6-7 we read about one of the men God sent. It says: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 'Ilhohun dune John huyulhni, 'en Yak'usda whusayálh'a'. 7 Ndun dune 'en ts'iyanne dóni' ndi be hóot'en-i, 'i ghun. 'En gha ts'iyanne buba 'álha' hot'e'." This man that God sent was John the Baptist. John dune too be 'ulh'en-un, 'en 'unt'oh. One place where you can read about John is in the Gospel of Matthew Yak'usda Ooghuni Unzoo-i Matthew 'Uk'u Neyuzguz-i, in chapter 3:1-2 of Matthew it says, "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, "Repent, for the

kingdom of heaven is at hand! 'Oh whuya hoozulh whe John dune too be 'ulh'en-un Judea yun k'ut dune luhoot'i ts'e, whuz whinya 'ink'ez dune bulh yalhduk. 2 'Et 'ubulhni, “Noheni náhandunooheh. Yak'uz k'une' whul'en-un nohtoh 'utit'elh-un, 'awet nilhdukw.”

John the Baptist was sent to tell people to get ready. Jesus the Son of God was coming into the world. When Jesus, who is the Promised One, would come, then Jesus, who is also the King of heaven, would show the people of this world what the Kingdom of heaven would be like. He did this by the way He lived and by the words that He spoke while He was in the world. That's some information about John that we read in Matthew.

Now back to the Gospel of John, it tells us in c.1v.8 that John the Baptist was a messenger sent by God. We read in v.8: “He (John) was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 'En 'aw be hóot'en-i ilóh 'unt'oh. Buba 'alha 'uhot'e' ha, 'i be hoot'en-i ghun ts'iyanne dóni'-un 'unt'oh. People were wondering if he was that light. But we know the true Light is Jesus. John the Baptist knew he was sent by God to tell people about the true Light of the world who is Jesus.

V 9 tells us more about what John the Baptist was telling those to whom he was sent. It says: “That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. Ndi be hóot'en-i, 'i ts'ih'un 'unt'oh, 'ink'ez be hóot'en-i, 'i ts'iyanne dune bugha ita'alh, 'et wheni 'en ndi yun k'eínya.” John was explaining to the people that he, John, was not the One who gives eternal “light” but that the Lord Jesus is the One who gives eternal light. He is the only One who is the Light of the world. Not only does the Lord Jesus give us eternal “light”, be hóot'en-i, but He and His words are the only source of God's eternal “life” be ts'unkhuna-i. Let me say it again; only Jesus is The Light of the world. There is no other source or way we can truly know the eternal life that God offers to us. When Jesus came into the world, His eternal light which brings eternal life was made available to us by the way He lived His Life, the Words that He spoke, and the sacrificial way He gave His life for us on cross. That was how He gave His light to everyone who is walking in the dark. His Light is the way to heaven. His Life is eternal life in heaven.

Let me ask you a question about your life; are you walking in the light or in the dark? How is your life going? The devil has a very attractive way to live your life. It may look good, but it won't bring peace in your heart and it won't last too long. Only turning to Jesus will bring lasting peace in your heart. Please consider that.