

# K.E.Y. Bible Study (2012-2013/Year V)

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**K.E.Y Bible Study** is a systematic study of Scripture that equips participants to become acquainted with the major truths of the Bible over a five-year period. Each lesson is self-contained, so, you can join the study at any time during the five years.

**Purpose:** To teach the most significant events, passages, and doctrines of the Bible in a manner and using methods that encourage and empower the student to:  
Keep the Faith We Have Received  
Be Equipped to Serve the Body of Christ  
Become Yoked in Ministry with Other Believers

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### “Children of God” John 1:12

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Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- John 1:12

#### **Why is John 1:12 a K.E.Y. verse in the Bible?**

It is imperative in our postmodern world that teaches the inclusive, non absolutist idea that all roads lead to the same place that we understand that God has clearly presented one way to be in relationship with him and that is through faith in Jesus Christ.

#### **Who?**

As is the case with all Scripture, God is the central character. He has offered the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ to all who believe in him.

#### **When?**

This book was composed by John the beloved disciple of Jesus late in John's life near the end of the first century. He writes that we might know the Father and experience eternal life through faith in the Son.

#### **Context:**

The Gospel of John is the fourth and most theological of the Gospels. The first three focuses on what Jesus did and how he taught. John goes deeper. The events and miracles lead us to deeper truths about Christ. This verse fits into the whole of the prologue to the Gospel According to John, John 1:1-18. The prologue presents the incarnation of the Son of God and shows the deity of Christ, his preincarnate work, the rejection of Christ by “his own” and the acceptance by others, and the fact that grace and truth have now come through Jesus Christ.

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### Word Study

- **"yet to all"** – word conveys the concept of whoever, inasmuch, as many as.
- **"received him"** - to take hold of that which is offered; to accept
- **"believed"** – to commit. It is not just a mental conviction, it is trusting in who Jesus is and what he did. It is entrusting one's whole life to Jesus. A favorite term in John "to believe on" (35 times)
- **"name"** – refers to the character of the person not just the personal name by which one is called. The name expresses the essence of a person's nature and character. It is in the name of Jesus that we have forgiveness of sin (Luke 24:47), access to the Father (John 16:23-24) and it is at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow (Phil 2:10)
- **"gave"** – to grant or make an offer to; to deliver.
- **"right"** – to give the privilege, the capacity, the freedom and liberty.
- **"become"** – to become what they were not before. We are not naturally the spiritual children of God but become so by a new birth. This is not a reformation of character but a re-creation of nature.
- **"children of God"** – not as offspring or created beings which is true of all people (Acts 17:28), but in the spiritual sense as a regenerated believer who is born from above (John 3:3). The root word for "children" is the word "to beget." (see also Rom 8:12-19)

### **Which of the six areas of spiritual competencies is emphasized in this K.E.Y. verse?**

The Doctrine of Christ as the only way to salvation and the Doctrine of Man as sinners in need of salvation.

### **What am I to know as a result of having read and studied this K.E.Y. verse?**

Know that through faith in Christ we are given the privilege of being a child of God. It is not a position we have gained by any act or work of our own, but solely accomplished by God's sovereign grace. Therefore there is no room for self-righteousness or pride, but for total humility and gratitude

### **What am I to be or become as a result of having studied this K.E.Y. verse?**

Be in relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ and be a faithful witness to that fact through your words and actions

### **What am I to do in order to apply this K.E.Y. verse in my private and public life?**

Share forgiveness and remission of sins in the name of Jesus Christ with others and live in faithful obedience to him.