



John 3:16-21

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GOD SENT HIS SON - Part 2

Introduction:

Five great contrasts that reveal God's person and purpose to us:

1) perishing vs. obtaining eternal life (vs. 16)

“for God so loved the world”

- 1) the love of the Father for the Son and of the Son for the Father (Jn. 3:35; 5:20)
- 2) God's providential love for all of His creation (Mat. 6:26, 28)
- 3) God's compassion for a fallen world (Jn. 3:16; Ezek. 33:11)
- 4) God's particular, effective, selecting love for His elect (Deut. 7:7-8; Eph. 1:4-5)
- 5) God's conditional love for His own people, based on their obedience (Jn. 14:21; 15:10)

“that He gave His only begotten Son” (Rom. 5:7-8)

“that whoever believes in Him shall not perish”

“but have eternal life”

2) condemnation vs. salvation (vs. 17)

“for God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world” (Dan. 7:13-14; Jn. 9:39)

“but that the world might be saved through Him”

3) believing vs. not believing (vs. 18)

“he who believes in Him is not judged” (Jn. 5:24; Rom. 8:1)

“he who does not believe has been judged already” (Jn. 3:36)

“because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God”

“We often speak of people who have love-hate relationships. There is no reason to deny that in an infinitely purer and more noble sense, God's hatred toward the wicked is accompanied by a sincere, compassionate love for them as well.... What I am saying is this: God in a real and sincere sense hates the wicked because of their sin; yet in a real and sincere sense He also has compassion, pity, patience, and true affection for them because of His own loving nature.”

— John MacArthur

4) coming to the Light vs. walking in darkness (vs. 19)

“this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world”

“and men loved the darkness rather than the Light”

“for their deeds were evil”

5) doing evil vs. practicing the truth (vs. 20-21)

“for everyone who does evil hates the Light”

“and does not come to the Light”

“for fear that his deeds will be exposed”

“but he who practices the truth comes to the Light” (I Jn. 1:8-9)

“so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God”

Conclusion:

- 1) God’s reason for sending His only Son into the world was not for judgment, but for salvation.
- 2) Those who do not believe in Jesus are already under God’s judgment and headed for eternal condemnation.
- 3) God’s love for the world does not override or negate sin.
- 4) Those who believe in Jesus receive eternal life.