

John 3:16-21, God so Loved the World

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John 3:16

Not to Condemn But to Save

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:17

Condemned is Status Quo

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

John 3:18

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, ...

carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:1-3

Believing is More Than Knowing

Believe – to think to be true; to be persuaded of

place confidence in, entrust yourself to

Light Exposes the Truth

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 3:19

Light Exposes the Truth – Avoidance

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

John 3:20

Light Exposes the Truth – Approach

But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

John 3:21

Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

*And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!*

Psalms 139:23-24

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.***

Hebrews 4:12

Christ's Righteousness Imputed (Assigned) to Us

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption...

1 Corinthians 1:30

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