



# Grace Life Church *of Dallas*

The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God



# **Gospel of John**

## **John 3:16-21**

### **Part 2**

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# John 3:16-21

*16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 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. 18 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. 19 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. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 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.”*

- Jesus knows what's in the heart of all mankind (2:23-25)
- Religion, outward morality, & affirming some truths about Jesus are not enough. We must be born again (water/Spirit) (3:1-7)
- The new birth is a monergistic work of God. It is instantaneous, and according to God's will. (3:8)
- When someone is not grasping the truths about the need to be born again, we cannot go deeper into heavenly things, but rather we proclaim the gospel (3:9-15)
- V16 *For God* (Causality for the gospel v14-15)
- *So loved* -Self-originating love because God is love. God's love is not determined by the object being loved. (Grace)
  - “*So*” is not speaking to the degree of God's love, but the manner in which He loved
  - “*the world*” God's love is magnified not by breadth but by depth
  - “*that He gave His only Son*”-A gift of infinite worth to be crucified
  - “*that whoever believes* (believing ones) *should not perish but have eternal life*- Eternal life is found through faith in Jesus Christ alone

*17 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.*

- Jesus did not come to a neutral people to pronounce condemnation on some and salvation on some
- But rather, He came to an already condemned sinful people (the world) to bring salvation
- **Romans 5:6-8** *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7For one will scarcely die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*18 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.*

- Believing in Him (Jesus) = no condemnation
  - 1:12 *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God*
  - Not believing in Him (Jesus)=condemned already
  - Condemned already: Tried, Convicted, Sentenced
  - What's the reason they are condemned already? Unbelief

*19 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. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.*

- *And this is the judgment: Light has come into the world: Jesus is the light of the world (1:4-5, 9)*
- *and people loved the darkness rather than the light*
- *Because their works are evil.*
- *For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.*
- **Matthew 13:44** *The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

***21 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.”***

- The believer is referred to as one who “*does what is true*” and therefore “*comes to the light*” **so that**
  - Remember the (unbeliever v19-20) doesn’t come to the light so his deeds aren’t exposed, because they love their deeds; and therefore love the darkness and hate the light
  - But the believer does what is true and comes to the light **so that** “*it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God*”
- What motivates the believer? God getting the glory in their life
  - They want to magnify (clearly seen) God and His glory in their works
  - **Matthew 5:14-16** *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*



## 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*



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