

Life Truth: There are fundamental differences between those who believe and those who do not believe, that make partnership between the two impossible. 'What fellowship can light have with darkness'? (2 Corinthians 6:14)

- Nonbelievers love the darkness and practice its evil deeds. Believers love Jesus, reflected by their willingness to adhere to the truth in Him.
 - Believers love the world in a way that reflects God's love: self-less redemption NOT selfish participation.
 - **Further reading:** 1 John 2:15-16 and Ezekiel 18:23
- Nonbelievers run from the light (Jesus) so that their evil deeds are not exposed (bringing shame and conviction). Believers come to Jesus, so that their good deeds may be a testimony of God's power.
 - **Further reading:** Matthew 5:16

Remember the purpose of John (John 20:30-31). John's hope in writing is that readers might see the imminent danger they are in, and look to Christ for escape - receiving life in His name.



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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Summary from last week:

There are two ways that you can be your own Savior and Lord. One way is by being incredibly bad, breaking all the rules. The other is by being incredibly good and saying, "Now, God is in my debt". Both types of people need to be born again because, ultimately, they are both doing the same thing. They are both self-centered. There is a self-righteous, incredibly moral kind of person, who is so self-centered and looks down on everybody that they cause a lot of misery in the world. And, there's another form of self-centeredness that says, "I'm going to kill, I'm going to steal, I'm going to do

whatever I want” and this person creates a very miserable world too. But, IT’S ALL SIN and THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO BE SAVED is to admit, whether we’re good or bad, WE NEED TO BE BORN AGAIN. – Tim Keller

For **God so loved** the world that he gave **his one and only Son**, that whoever **believes** in him shall not **perish** but have **eternal life**.

Why do people perish? The **sinfulness** of man

- *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. **Romans 3:23***
- *For the Wages of sin is death... **Romans 6:23***
 - **LifeTruth:** No one can be saved without an admittance that they need to be. ‘If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...’ (**1 John 1:8**)

How do people escape perishing? The **love** of God. (**1 Jn 4:16**)

- *God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8***
- *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **Romans 8:32***
 - **‘World’** in John’s writing = *The created order in rebellion against its maker.*

The son’s mission was the **consequence** of God’s love. The Greek behind the phrase, ‘*So loved that He gave his one and only son*’ emphasizes the **intensity** of the love and stresses the **greatness** of the gift. – **DA Carson**

Who secured our hope? Jesus Christ **alone**.

- *He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. **Romans 4:25***
- *He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. **Isaiah 53:5***
 - The death and resurrection of Jesus is **solely** and **sufficient**.

What must we do? **Believe**.

- *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. **Romans 10:9-10***
 - Saved **out of existing** condemnation. ‘The world and its desires are passing away...’ (**1 John 2:17**)

*Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? **Romans 8:33-35a***