

**I. CONDEMNED ALREADY (VS. 18)**

A. A sermon in a verse

1. It tells us:
  - a. How are the Saved Saved?
  - b. When are the Lost Lost?
  - c. Why are the Condemned Condemned?
  - d. Who is the Saving Saviour?
2. Such a message – straight forward and plain
3. No wonder, it was preached by the Greatest Preacher!
4. The first 21 verses of John 3 may represent one of the greatest sermons ever preached
  - a. And it wasn't preached to a multitude
  - b. It was preached to one man
  - c. God CARES for the individual!
5. Two classes of people in the world
  - a. Those who believe
  - b. And those who believe not
  - c. In which group are you?

B. How are the Saved Saved?

1. Believeth on Him
2. That's no act or deed – not a good work
3. It's a simple act of trust
  - a. Believed IN the name of the only begotten Son of God
  - b. Not "about" Him, but "IN" Him
  - c. Believe about airplanes...or believe IN airplanes?
4. I Corinthians 1:30 – "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:"
5. Acts 13:39 – "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

C. When are the Lost Lost?

1. From the very beginning
2. John 3:36 – "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."
3. It is the default state of man!
  - a. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God
  - b. There is none righteous, no, not one
4. They are condemned already
5. No one has to wait and see if they are condemned without Christ

6. God very clearly states the facts
  7. He's not hiding the answers – this is an open book test!
- D. Why are the Condemned Condemned?
1. Very simple answer – vs. 18 BECAUSE
  2. Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
  3. Yes, all have sinned!
  4. Yes, the wages of sin is death!
  5. But God doesn't say that the condemnation comes because of uncleanness or unholiness!
    - a. Why? Because they have not believed!
    - b. It is your sin that demands judgement
    - c. But it is only your unbelief that will take you to Hell
    - d. It is the very worst sin – the Bible says this IS the condemnation
  6. But there is HOPE
- E. Who is the Saving Saviour?
1. Vs. 18 – The only begotten Son of God
  2. Acts 4:12 – “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”
  3. For all souls seeking light, here is Light!
  4. For all who diligently seek God, here is a reward!
  5. These are the very word spoken by a loving savior to the Lost world!
  6. In which group are you?

## II. LOVED DARKNESS (VS. 19)

- A. Light is come
1. Genesis 1:1-3
    - a. Light but no Sun (not created until day 4)
    - b. Isn't it interesting that the universe is only about 6000 years old?
  2. Revelation 21:22 – 25
    - a. He is the Light of it
    - b. No NIGHT there!
  3. I Corinthians 2:9 – “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”
- B. Why did He come?
1. Luke 1:79 – “To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”
  2. John 8:12 – “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

3. John 12:46 – “I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.”
- C. What happened when He died?
1. Mark 15:33 – “And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.”
  2. Ephesians 5:11 – “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”

### III. HATETH LIGHT (VS. 20)

- A. Evil doers are obvious
1. They hate the Light
  2. Well, HE is the Light. He is the Word of God
  3. John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
- B. It should be no wonder that the World hates light
1. John 15:18 – “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.”
  2. John 15:20 – “Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.”
- C. They will allow prayer
1. But not in Jesus’ name!
  2. They will allow talk of a God
  3. But not Jesus Christ
  4. Why? Because He is LIGHT
- D. This Bible JUDGES!
1. Hebrews 4:12 – “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
  2. The light pierces the dark heart of man
  3. And they can’t stand it
  4. See how they reacted to the witness of Steven in Acts 7:57 – “Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,”

### IV. DOETH TRUTH (VS. 21)

- A. The Saved have nothing to fear from the Light of God’s Word
1. Certainly, the Bible reproveth and rebukes, but for our PROFIT!
  2. Hebrews 12:11 – “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

3. I love the BOOK!
- B. The Fool and the Diligent
1. Psalm 14:1 – “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”
  2. Hebrews 11:6 – “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
  3. The fool won’t come to the light, but the diligently seeking one will
  4. And what light is that? The Word of God!
- C. Salvation
1. Nothing could be closer to the pure definition of “doing truth”
  2. Salvation is the purest acknowledgement of the Truth
  3. It is admitting that I cannot save myself and recognizing the One who can
  4. John 14:6 – “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

## V. **WROUGHT IN GOD (VS. 21)**

- A. Even though by I am admitting the Truth of my lost condition
1. God does the Saving
  2. He alone can Save, by the Blood of Jesus Christ
- B. My Salvation was not of my own doing, it was truly “wrought of God.”
- C. Ephesians 2:8 & 9 – “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
- D. Be Saved today