

SHINING THE LIGHT ON SIN AND SALVATION

John 3:16-21 Jeff Schreve

“And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

What is the truth concerning sin and salvation?

1. Every person without Christ is facing eternal hell.

A. Every person is a guilty sinner before a holy God.

B. Being *good* and *religious* doesn't solve the problem.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Him by night John 3:1-2

2. God loves everyone and doesn't want anyone to perish.

“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.” John 3:17

* Jesus came to save, not condemn.

“I don't want wicked people to die.” declares the Almighty LORD. “I want them to turn from their evil ways and live. Ezekiel 18:23 GW

3. Salvation only comes when you come to the light.

“And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought [accomplished] in God.” John 3:19-21

A. You must bring your sin into the light.

1. Many refuse to do this because they love their sin.

*... and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged **who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.** 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12*

2. Many believe a lie so they can continue in their sin.

B. You must come to Jesus in repentance and faith.

Are you sure you have come to the light?