

## Whoever Believes (John 3:16, part two)

### Earthly and Heavenly Teaching of Jesus

<sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

<sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

### A Striking Example of Salvation

<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

<sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

### The Heart of the Gospel

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

### The Tragic Results of Ignoring God’s Greatest Gift

The First Warning: we condemn ourselves

<sup>18</sup> Whoever 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.

The Second Warning: we remain in darkness

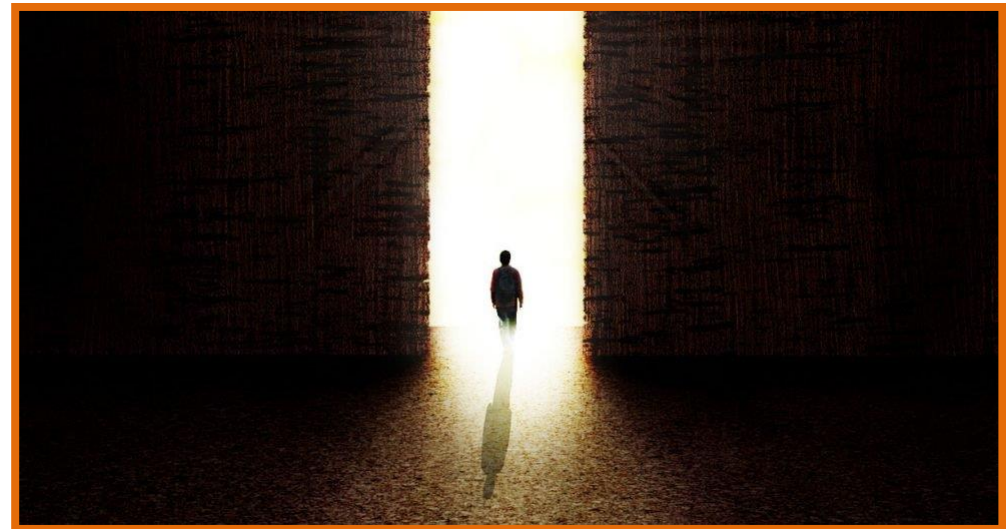
<sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

The Third Warning: we struggle against God

<sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

### The Invitation and the Gift

<sup>21</sup> But 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.



Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God. John 3:21 CEB



### The Gospel is Trusting Jesus

He is the only bridge between us and God  
His greatest single act was going to the cross  
But we must own our sin to be forgiven

### God's Astonishing Gift: His Only Son

The gift is graciously given to all who believe  
We condemn ourselves if we refuse this gift  
We live in God's light when we do the truth

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10

### The Commands of Jesus

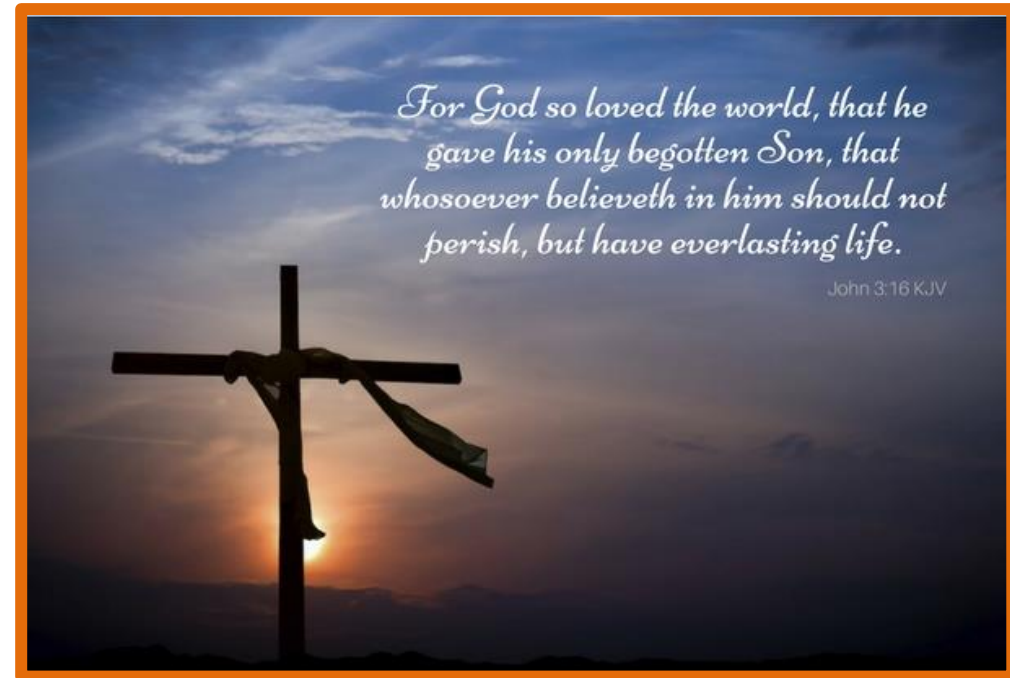
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul  
and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Portions of Matthew 22:37-38



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This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only  
Son into the world that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9

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