

SECRET: I DON'T WRITE NEW SERMONS
OVER-TOUR in a world of novelty

NICODEMUS - BORN AGAIN - NOT KNOWLEDGE + TRADITIONS RELATIONSHIP

John 3:16-18

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RECAP: THE SNAKES AND SALVATION

John 3:14-15 - ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Numbers 21:4-9 - From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live."

BITTEN: IN STATE OF DEATH

OUR STATE OF NEED

PSALM 51:5 = IN SIN MOTHER CONCEIVED
EPT. 2:3 = BY NATURE DESERVING WRATH
JOHN 3:3 = NEED TO BE BORN AGAIN

OUR DEFAULT IS NOT GOOD,
WE NEED HELP OUTSIDE
OURSELVES

THE SON OF MAN MUST
BE LIFTED UP,
THAT WE MAY LIVE.

GOD'S LOVE GIVES

John 3:16 - ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

LOVE

AGAPE LOVE: SACRIFICIAL GIVING
WORLD (JOSUAS): GOOD, BAD, UGLY
? COVENANT TO CREATION?

GOD'S LOVE IS DEFINITION,
NOT OURS

GAVE

OFFERED
ABRAHAM / ISAAC

Romans 8:31-32 - What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"

THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD

BELIEF

- WHATEVER: SHOCKING
- FAITH: FIXED AFFECTION + TRUST
- ETERNAL LIFE

THIS IS THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE WORLD
IN OUR STATE OF NEED

GOD'S LOVE SENDS

John 3:17 - ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SEND

GOD IS ABOUT HIS GLORY
AND IN THIS SENDS A NEED
TO DELIVER FOR OUR GOOD

WE NEED THE INTERVENTION,
SO JESUS SENT

CONDEMN

- NOT SENT TO CONDEMN w/o HOPE
- CONVICTION VS. JUDGING OR CONDEMNING

SAVE

Isaiah 43:25 - I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

GLORIFIED IN SALVATION

1 John 4:9-10 - In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

HE GETS WRATH, WE GET GOOD STANDING

JESUS DIDN'T COME TO CONDEMN,
HE CAME TO TAKE CONDEMNATION FOR US

GOD'S LOVE SAVES

John 3:18 - ¹⁸Whoever 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.

DEFAULT

TWO STATES:
CONDEMNED OR NOT.
ALL HAVE SINNED + FALLEN SHORT
JESUS DOESN'T NEED
TO CONDEMN, WE DO
OURSELVES

WE FEEL THIS
DEFAULT STATE

SAVED

COL. 3:3 - HIDDEN IN CHRIST

THOUGHT WE WRESTLE IN
FALLEN WORLD,
IF OUR FAITH IS IN CHRIST
WE REST SECURE

NAME

NAME = LIKENESS
ACTS 4:12 - NO OTHER NAME

Malachi 4:2 - But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

KNIFE'S EDGE - SALVATION GRATITUDE
• DON'T REST ON LAURELS
• DON'T WALLOW