



# Jesus Our Only Hope

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## John 3:16-21

16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light lest his deeds be exposed. 21 But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been done by God.”

# The Impossibility of Sin

James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Genesis 6:5 (The Human Heart)

Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Romans 3:10 - 3:12

as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become worthless; There is none who does good, There is not even one.”

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

# The Penalty of Sin

**Ezekiel 18:4 (We belong to God)**

Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

**Revelation 21:8**

But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and sexually immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and **brimstone, which is the second death.**”

**1 Corinthians 6:9 - 6:10**

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

**Romans 6:23**

For the wages of sin is death,

Nicodemus You are  
guilty and condemned  
like the rest!

Isaiah 64:6

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, **And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment**; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away.

## Mankind's Greatest Need Is Salvation

**SALVATION:** preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss.

**Def:** “To a sovereign act that God initiates and consummates and by which He delivers His people from the consequences and power of sin and restores them to a reconciled relationship with Himself. Accomplished ultimately through the gospel of Jesus Christ.” -**Paul Washer**

# Men Cannot Save Himself

## Salvation is From The Lord

**Isaiah 43:11**

I, even I, am Yahweh, And there is no savior besides Me.

**Isaiah 45:21**

And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.

**Psalms 3:8**

Salvation belongs to Yahweh; Your blessing be upon Your people! Selah.

**Psalms 37:39**

But the salvation of the righteous is from Yahweh; He is their strength in time of distress.

# The Beauty of The Cross

16 “For God so loved the world, that **He gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

- “In the Cross we see the righteousness of God His Holiness – **He punishes sin** as well as His Mercy and Grace-**The forgiveness of the sins of Mankind.**

## 1 John 4:10

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.

## 2 Corinthians 5:21 (Our Sacrifice)

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



# The Age of Grace

**17** For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

**John 12:47 (Jesus 1<sup>st</sup> Coming He is Not A Judge)**

And if anyone hears My words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

**Luke 19:10**

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”

**Luke 4:18**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed,

**Luke 5:32**

I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

Ture Belief = True submission and Obedience Christ

18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

2 Corinthians 5:14 - 5:15

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died. And He died for all, so that they who live would no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

1 John 4:19

We love, because He first loved us.

# What It Takes to Follow Jesus

Luke 14:25 - 14:26

Now many crowds were going along with Him, and He turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

“One thing was certain about the invitation Jesus issued to this crowd-there was no fine print in terms. He did not hide the cost required in following Him. He never marked down the price tag. He never lowered the terms. He never dumbed down the message. He never tried to induce a shallow decision. He never lowered the requirement to follow Him. Large crowds were never His goal. Making true disciples was His aim. Jesus made the high cost of following Him clearly known. He announced on the front end what it would require. He let it be known to all His listeners what the price was.” – **Steve Lawson**.

## 2 Types of People

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**Judge**:=condemned; doomed; lost; dammed; sentenced; convicted.

# 2 Types of People They Loved Darkness

**19** And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

**20** For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light lest his deeds be exposed.

**READ:** Romans 1:18-32

“And now let us bow  
down before the Majesty  
of our Gracious God”