



God So Loved The World.

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John 3:14-17

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Why Did John Write This Gospel?

John 20:30 - 20:31

Therefore many other signs Jesus also did in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that **Jesus is the Christ, (Long Awaited Messiah)** the Son of God; **(He is God)** and that believing **(= Obeying)** you may have life **(Eternal Life)** in His name.

- Instead of **Eternal Death**.

Jesus Is The Key To The Door Of Salvation

John 3:36

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but **the wrath of God abides on him.**”

What WRATH?

(**We have a low view of Sin**) But if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell. (**Matthew 5:29 - 5:30**)

Those who go to hell will drink of the wine of the wrath of God which is His rage at full strength. And they will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and the lamb. And the smoke of their torments goes up forever and ever and they have no rest day or night. (**Rev 14:10-11**) They Have no rest day and night because they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (**Rev 20:10**)

What WRATH?

This is why the fire is called the unquenchable fire. (Matt 3:12). So, we understand when we read in the book of Isaiah “ The sinners in Zion are terrified and trembling has seized the godless. Who among us can live with the consuming fire? Who among us can live with continual burning? (Isiah 33:14) All those who die in their sin will pay the penalty of total destruction (2 Thes 1:9)

Nicodemus

Q: How Can One
Enter The
Kingdom of God?

Must Be An Act of God

Jesus Told Nicodemus

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:5

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:7 - 3:8

Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes and you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit.”

John As Already Told The Reader

John 1:11 - 1:13

He came to what was His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as **received Him**, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those **who believe in His name**, who **were born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God**.

Numbers 21:1 - 21:9

Then the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negev, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, and he fought against Israel and took some of them captive. **So Israel made a vow to Yahweh and said, "If You will indeed give this people into my hand, then I will devote their cities to destruction."** Then Yahweh heard the voice of Israel and gave the Canaanites over; so they devoted them and their cities to destruction. Thus the name of the place was called Hormah. Then they set out from Mount Hor 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 miserable food."** So Yahweh sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people so that many people of Israel died. Then the people came to Moses and said, **"We have sinned because we have spoken against Yahweh and against you; pray to Yahweh, that He may remove the serpents from us."** And Moses prayed for the people. Then Yahweh said to Moses, **"Make a fiery serpent and set it on a standard; and it will be that everyone who is bitten and looks at it, will live."** And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it happened, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

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- Allusion to the Cross
- **The Poison in Every Human Being is Sin**
- Salvation Comes By Believing in Jesus

What is Eternal Life?

John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, (**The Father**) and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Must Be An Act of God

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.

- This is Huge Because The World is Wicked (Sinful)

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.”

The Dual Stance of God

Psalm 5:4 - 5:5

For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; Evil does not sojourn with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; **You hate all workers of iniquity.**

Psalm 11:5

Yahweh tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence **His soul hates.**

The Dual Stance of God

(Jer. 48:26, 35, 38, 42). Moab, for instance, is so wicked that God's decree has gone forth: 'Make her drunk, for she has defied the LORD. Let Moab wallow in her vomit; let her be an object of ridicule.... In Moab I will put an end to those who make offerings on the high places and burn incense to their gods.... I have broken Moab like a jar that no-one wants.... Moab will be destroyed as a nation because she defied the LORD' (Jer. 48:26, 35, 38, 42). At the same time, the God who takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked declares in (Je. 48:31, 36). 'Therefore I wail over Moab, for all Moab I cry out.... So my heart laments for Moab like a flute; it laments like a flute for the men of Kir Hareseth' (Je. 48:31, 36).

D. A. Carson, The Gospel according to John, The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans, 1991), 205–206.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

To Believe in Jesus is to Obey Jesus

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

Believe in Jesus Teaching and Person

- I am the Bread of Life (John 6:35)
- I am the Light of the World (John 8:12)
- I am the Door (John 10:9)
- I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14)
- I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
- I am the Way and the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)
- I am the Vine (John 15:1,5)

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He Who Obeys The Words of Jesus Proves His Love For Him

John 14:23 - 14:24

Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.

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Luke 19:10

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

Luke 4:18 - 4:19

“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, To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”

Luke 5:31 - 5:32

And Jesus answered and said to them, “It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

Will You Repent and Put Your Faith In Jesus

John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never cast out.

Revelation 3:20 - 3:21

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

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