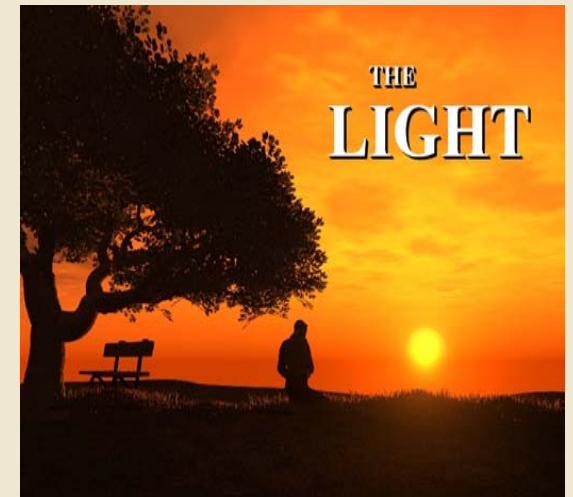


I ask you, Christian, where is **THE LIGHT** in the world? How does one show their love for darkness more than their love for **THE LIGHT**? How can we tell just who really does hate **THE LIGHT** and who loves the darkness? How does one come to **THE LIGHT** that their deeds can be reproved? Who is it that holds the truth and cometh to the light that their deeds may be made manifest and that they are wrought in God? 'How do we do this,' is what Nicodemus was asking. Know this: **For many are called, but few are chosen.** No one goes seeking for Christ, particularly in the night, but those who have had a call from the Spirit of God. Sadly to say most count this call as complete salvation and will never be chosen. This call must be answered by leaving the world behind and coming to **THE LIGHT**. Give special attention to the fact that **THE LIGHT** does not come to you. **THE LIGHT** is God and it is you who must come to Him. **THE LIGHT** is waiting in the night for those who are called, but I am sad to say He waits alone more often than not. So Christian, I ask you, where was **THE LIGHT** last night? Where will He be tonight? Where is He every night? For all the professing Christians of the world, I'll tell you where He is,

He's waiting alone in your silent and empty prayer closets. He's waiting alone, or so you say, because you're busy, or tired. Or you don't feel good. But **THE LIGHT** says different, **THE LIGHT** says you stay away because you are evil. It is in our prayer closet where we prove our love to Christ, our true belief in Him, our real faith in Him. It is in our prayer closet where we are transformed, **BORN AGAIN**. Meeting **THE LIGHT** daily in consistent prayer brings about a regenerated soul who hungers for God's word as they shun the world. Prayer alone begins and finishes a process or development of a true conversion from the flesh to the spirit. We can only come to **THE LIGHT** by prayer. If we love evil we shun prayer, for evil cannot endure prayer. The truth is, a prayer-less life is a Christ-less life. They who are evil cannot endure **THE LIGHT**, for they love the darkness more than **THE LIGHT**. If prayer-in-passing, or public prayer, is your only prayer time you are avoiding **THE LIGHT**. To tell others, or even yourself, you pray, when the truth is you do not—you are a liar, too. You can say what you please professing Christian but your empty prayer closet plainly testifies of **YOUR CONDEMNATION! IT SHOUTS OF YOUR UNBELIEF IN THE LIGHT!**



JOHN 3

John 3:1-2, *There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.* Nicodemus was reacting to a call upon his life. Matthew 22:14, **For many are called, but few are chosen.**

John 3 is an astonishing and unique chapter. It is here Jesus tells Nicodemus, along with all the world, that God the Father loves them so that He sent Him, the Father's only begotten Son, **THE LIGHT**, that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:16-18, **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

John 3:16 is no doubt the most well known Scripture verse of our generation. In John 3, Christ explains a prerequisite to all, that all, meaning everyone who believes in Him, 'must' be born again. Born of water and the spirit. A new birth so real, so wonderful, so complete, that a new person 'must' emerge.

John 3:3-5, Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

This new and mandatory evolution from flesh to spirit, from evil to good, from unrighteous to righteous, from unholy to holy, is securely affixed to this one most crystal-clear, simple and absolute obligation, **"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish."** It sounds simple, but is it? Remember, he that believeth not is condemned already! Let us examine this qualification of believing in Him.

Who are the Believers

Deeper within John 3, as in every chapter of God's word, are additional verses. Verses perchance not nearly as familiar to the populace or as fashionable as the sixteenth verse alone, but verses, however, that beg serious consideration, for these accompanying verses bear the meat of the Gospel of Christ. Verses rich and nourishing. Verses, if left out or removed would cause the high call of a new birth to fall short, thus, the standard established by the Kingdom of God would not, actually could not, be met. John 3:6, **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

These other verses are packed with the antidote to sin, the resurrecting righteousness of God the Father.

By-the-way, this cure to sin, the righteousness of God the Father, is highly poisonous to the flesh. Take heed of the fact that these accompanying verses in John 3 are the answer from Jesus that Nicodemus sought out in the night, "How can a man be born when he is old?" This response from Christ was also directed to the world.

And this is the Condemnation!

John 3:19-21, **And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.** These less discussed verses makes it perfectly clear what is required to see and what is required to enter into the Kingdom of God. John 3:17-21 warns all the world, in advance of judgment, as to who will see the kingdom of God, who will enter into the kingdom of God, and who will be condemned to hell.