



BELIEVE

The Gospel of **John**

16 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. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **18** 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. **19** This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **20** Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. **21** 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.

John 3:16-21 ESV



Three Points

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3. The measure of his love



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There is almost nothing more detestable to the American mind than to think that they are going to be judged by a standard they didn't agree to.



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John 3:19–20 ESV



8 ... They hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
9 But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” **10** He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

Gen 3:8-10 ESV



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Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love— Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Gen 2:22 ESV



**Pray that God will help us to recapture an integrated head
and heart so that **belief causes action** just like the book of
James says**



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John 3:16 ESV



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...though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, **even death on a cross.** **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Phil. 2:6-11 ESV



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John 3:17-18 ESV



Response

Fresh sense of his love for you.

Yoke of working for your salvation lifted off your heart

Believe



