

John 3:16-21

16. For **God so LOVED** the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him **should not PERISH** but have **EVERLASTING LIFE**.

- **I Peter 1:3-5** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His ABUNDANT MERCY has begotten us again (caused us to be born again) to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance _____ and undefiled, and that does not _____ away (it is EVERLASTING), reserved in _____ for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."
- **I John 5:13** "These things I have written to you who _____ in the name of the _____ of God; that you may KNOW that you have _____ life, and that you may continue to _____ in the name of the Son of God."
- **Ephesians 2:4-5** "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His GREAT _____ with which He _____ us, even when we were dead in trespasses (sins), made us alive together with Christ (by [God's] grace you have been saved)."
- **I John 5:20** "And we know that the _____ of _____ has come, and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His _____ Jesus Christ. This is the true God and _____."

Definition: "His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON" - Jesus is the only begotten Son, or UNIQUE, one-of-a-kind Son of God, in that He is the EXACT IMAGE of God, and that He has existed in this SON RELATIONSHIP with the Father from all eternity. No one else can become a son of God in the same sense as Jesus (**JESUS IS GOD in the FLESH**), but we can become sons and daughters of God, and be born into His family BY FAITH in Jesus Christ (John 1:12).

- **I John 4:9** "In this the _____ of God was manifested (demonstrated) toward us, that God has sent His _____ begotten _____ into the _____, that we might live (have EVERLASTING LIFE) through _____."

Definition: "SHOULD NOT PERISH" - "Perish" in the Bible means to be thrown into hell forever - everlasting DESTRUCTION. It does **NOT** mean to just **not exist** anymore. Some religions and cults teach that a person just goes into oblivion after death, that there is no more consciousness (sometimes called "soul sleep"). The Bible teaches that there is ETERNAL PUNISHMENT for those who reject God's way of salvation.

- **John 10:27-30** "My Sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I _____ them _____, and they shall NEVER _____; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and NO ONE is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."
- **II Thessalonians 1:7-9** "And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord _____ is revealed from _____ with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do NOT _____ God, and on those who do NOT _____ the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be _____ with _____ destruction [away] from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

17. For God did **NOT** send His Son into the world to **CONDEMN the world**, but that the world through Him might be **SAVED**.

- **Psalm 145:8-9** "The Lord is _____, and full of _____; _____ to _____, and GREAT in _____. The Lord is _____ to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works."
- **Psalm 103:8** "The Lord is _____ and _____, _____ to _____, and abounding in _____."
- **Nehemiah 9:17 & 31** "...but You are a God _____ to _____, _____ and _____, _____ to anger, and of great _____, and You did not forsake them." (Verse 31) "Nevertheless, for Your great _____ sake You did not utterly consume (destroy) them, for You are a _____ and _____ God."
- **Luke 19:10** "For the Son of Man has come to _____ and to _____ that which was _____."
- **I Thessalonians 5:9** "For God did _____ appoint us to wrath (punishment), but to obtain _____ through our Lord _____ Christ."
- **I John 4:14** "And we have seen and testify that the _____ has _____ the _____ as _____ of the _____."

Definition: "CONDEMN" - To CONDEMN means to pronounce GUILTY, TO PRONOUNCE SENTENCE and JUDGE against - to DAMN. Trying to keep the commandments only brings CONDEMNATION, because we FAIL to keep God's law -- NO ONE EVER keeps (obeys) ALL the commandments ALL of the time. The penalty for FAILURE TO KEEP the law is DEATH, and the ULTIMATE penalty is ETERNAL DEATH in HELL. **Jesus PAID the penalty FOR US, so we are NOT CONDEMNED or DAMNED to hell if we BELIEVE and PUT our COMPLETE TRUST in Him.**

- **John 12:47-48** "And if anyone hears My words and does _____ believe, I do not judge him; for I did _____ come to judge (CONDEMN) the world but to _____ the world. He who _____ Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-the _____ that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

18. He who BELIEVES in Him is not condemned; but **he who does NOT believe is CONDEMNED ALREADY**, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

- **John 5:24** "Most assuredly I say to you, he who hears My _____ and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall _____ come into _____, but has passed from _____ into life."
- **I John 5:19** "We know that we are of God, and the whole _____ lies under the sway (power) of the _____ one (Satan)."
- **Romans 3:23** "For _____ have _____ and come short of the glory of God."
- **John 8:24** "Therefore I said to you that you will _____ in your _____; for if you do _____ believe that I am He (the Messiah), you will _____ in your _____."

Definition: "You will DIE in your SINS" - If you have NOT believed in Jesus Christ as YOUR Savior, and believed that **what He DID ON THE CROSS** has PAID the PENALTY for YOUR sins - that **He took YOUR punishment** - then **YOU** must take YOUR OWN **PUNISHMENT for your sins**. If you do NOT accept God's MERCY and FORGIVENESS as offered through JESUS CHRIST, **there IS NO OTHER WAY** to be forgiven!

- **Hebrews 10:29** "Of how much worse _____, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the _____ of _____ underfoot (rejected Christ), counted the _____ of the covenant (the blood Jesus shed on the CROSS) by which he was sanctified a common thing (of NO value), and insulted the Spirit of grace?"
- **Exodus 34:6-7** "And the Lord passed by before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord God, _____ and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, _____ iniquity and sin; yet He will by _____ means _____ the _____....'"
- **Numbers 14:18** "The Lord is _____, and of great _____, _____ iniquity and transgression, and by _____ means _____ the _____....."

Definition: "CONDEMNED ALREADY" - The question we should ask is not, "Why does God send anybody to hell?" but rather, "Why does God SAVE ANYBODY at all?" **EVERYONE ON THIS EARTH is ALREADY on their way to HELL!** God, in His great love and mercy, has **provided a WAY OF ESCAPE** through believing on **His Son Jesus Christ!** If anyone rejects or ignores **God's ONLY WAY of ESCAPE from hell**, it is their OWN FAULT that they end up in hell for all eternity - God did not SEND them there.

19-20. And this is the condemnation, that **the LIGHT has come into the world**, and **men LOVED darkness** rather than light, because **their deeds were evil**. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest **his deeds should be exposed**.

- **Ephesians 5:11-12** "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful _____ of _____, but rather expose them. "For it is _____ even to speak of those things which are done by them in _____. But all things that are _____ are made manifest (seen) by the _____, for whatever makes manifest is _____."
- **John 8:12** "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the _____ of the _____. He who follows Me shall _____ walk in _____, but have the _____ of life.'"
- **John 7:7** "The _____ cannot hate you, but it _____ Me because I testify of it that its works (deeds) are _____."

21. But he who does the **truth comes to the light**, that his deeds **may be clearly seen**, that they have been done in God.

- **I John 1:5-7** "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is _____ and in Him is no _____ at all. If we say that we have _____ with Him, and walk in _____, we _____ and do not practice the _____. But if we _____ in the _____ as He is in the _____, we have fellowship with one another, and the _____ of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from _____."
- **Hebrews 4:13** "And there is no creature _____ from His _____, but all things are naked and _____ to the _____ of Him to whom we must give account."
- **I Timothy 5:25** "Likewise, the good works of some are clearly _____, and those that are otherwise _____ be _____."