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**"For God So Loved..." (John 3:14-21)**

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*Man stands condemned because he has loved the darkness more than the light. While he stands condemned, God does not find sadistic pleasure in bringing judgement. Rather he has provided the means of salvation through Christ who was lifted up which resulted in his further exaltation as Savior and God. He is now calling all to believe and find life.*

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*The Importance of Context - Amos 4:4; Phil 4:13*

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ - We Stand Condemned (Jn 3:17-20)**

What's the real problem?

LIGHT – reference to...1) God's absolute holiness & how we are to walk (1 Jn 1:5; Eph 5:7-10) & 2) to spiritual understanding (2 Cor 4:4; Ps 119:105)

**A) The \_\_\_\_\_ Need of Salvation**

**B) What Darkness Is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Closet**

See Eph 5; 1 John 1:9; Mt 18

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ - Belief in the Son of Man (Jn 3:14-15, 17-18)**

History behind the verse – see Numbers 21

What are the correlations being made?

“Lifted up” (Jn 3:14; 8:28; 12:32, 34) –

See also Isa 52:13 & Phil 2

A) \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ as the Way of Salvation

B) \_\_\_\_\_ Need to Depend & Believe on Him

See Ps 42:1-2 – What is the state of our dependence on God? Do we truly thirst for him?

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ - *The Gift Shows God's Love (Jn 3:16)*

Significance of different translations of Jn 3:16 – “so” vs. “this is the way”

Degree/Extent –

Manner –

What is the issue of focusing too much on “so loved”?

A) Biblical Love Is Expressed \_\_\_\_\_

B) Biblical Love Is Expressed Even When Others \_\_\_\_\_

C) Biblical Love \_\_\_\_\_ the One Loved