

“The Heart of the King”  
**John 3:16-21**

**I. Because God loved the world, He provided the world with the opportunity for salvation (v. 16).**

A. God did not provide salvation because us because of anything that we have done.

B. God provided salvation because He is gracious.

(Romans 5:8; 11:6; Ephesians 2:1-5; 8-9; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 4:9-10, 17-19; Revelation 22:3-5)

**II. Because Jesus came to save the World, He did not come as judge (v. 17).**

A. Jesus came to the world to die for the sins of all who would believe in Him.

B. Jesus did not come to the world to judge the world.

C. Jesus will return a second time, and when He does, He will return as Judge.

(John 8:15-16; 12:47-48; Matthew 16:27)

**III. Because Jesus is the way of salvation, what people choose concerning Him determines whether they are given mercy or judged (v. 18).**

A. Jesus is the only way to heaven.

B. All who believe in Jesus are not judged.

C. All who reject Jesus are judged already.

(John 10:9; 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5)

**IV. Because unbelievers love their sin, they reject Jesus, and salvation (vs. 19-21).**

A. Those who are in their sins hate God and anything related to Him.

B. Those who have been saved from their sins love God and anything related to Him.

(Proverbs 1:28-29; John 7:7; 12:46; Ephesians 5:13)

### Scripture References and Notes

1 John 4:10; 17-19

<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

<sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love Him because He first loved us.

1 Peter 1:3-5 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Revelation 22:3-5 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; <sup>4</sup> they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

Romans 11:6

And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

Romans 5:8

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

Ephesians 2:1-5; 8-9 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. <sup>3</sup> Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)...

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

<sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.

John 8:15-16

<sup>15</sup> You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone. <sup>16</sup> But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone *in it*, but I and the Father who sent Me.

John 12:47-48

<sup>47</sup> And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Matthew 16:27

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

John 10:9

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

1 Timothy 2:5

For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man* Christ Jesus...

Proverbs 1:28-29

<sup>28</sup> "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD...

John 12:46

I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

John 7:7

The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.

Ephesians 5:13

But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.