

Loving the Light or Loving the Darkness?

John 3:19-21

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

The condition of the world

1. People love the darkness.

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world.

Jn. 3:19

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

Jn. 8:12

... and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works are evil.

Love = Agape

- . Same word in John 3:16
- . Sacrifice
- . Based on a decision/choice
- . God sacrificially decides to love a sinful world
- . The world sacrificially decides to love sin.
- . They sacrifice a relationship with God to go after sin.

2. People hate the light

For everyone who does wicked things hates light...

John 3:20

Why?

- . All things are exposed - Eph. 5:13-14
- . Instead of justification or

celebration of sin they
receive conviction or
condemnation.

. Instead of going unnoticed it
is brought to the open.

Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the
fear
of the Lord. Prov. 1:29

3. People do not come to the light.

... and does not come to the light lest his works should be
exposed. Jn. 3:20b

... all be judged, who did not believe the truth but took
pleasure in wickedness. 2 Thess. 2:12

“By nature I was
- too blind to know Him
- too proud to trust Him
- too obstinate to serve Him
- too base-minded to love Him”
John Newton

“We are too Christian really to enjoy sinning and too fond of sinning really to enjoy Christianity. Most of us know perfectly well what we ought to do – our trouble is that we do not want to do it.”

Peter Marshall

“Insects hide under the rock – moist, dark and multiply without interruption.

Termites hide in the wood – destroy without notice.

Snakes hide in the grass –
to strike unexpected.

Light “exposes” the darkness

- to reprove
- to convict
- to correct
- to refute
- to rebuke

The Hope of the World

1. The light has come.

... the light has come into
the world... Jn. 3:19

- When hope is gone.
- When the darkness
overwhelms you...
- When the love for sin
brings more bondage.

Jesus has come!

- Not to merely talk about light
- Not to dream about the light
but to give Himself –
He is the light we need.

2. Coming to the light transforms you!

But whoever does what is true comes to the light...

Jn. 3:21

...so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been
carried out in God. Jn.3:21

Not me! But Him!

Not us! But Him!

Not my effort! But His work
in me!

A genuine relationship with God will always transform us.

Move from loving sin

and hating God

to loving God

and hating sin.

When you trust in Christ you are transformed from the
kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light!

Col. 1:13