

THE LOVE OF DARKNESS AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

JOHN 3:18-21

I. THE LORD CONCLUDES HIS CONVERSATION WITH NICODEMUS WITH A DISCOURSE ON THE SUBJECT OF CONDEMNATION (3:18)

- A. Most People Are Clueless Of Their Judicial Standing Before God And Automatically Assume They Are In A State Of Acceptability
 - 1. Only Those Who Have Believed Into Christ Are Acquitted
 - 2. A Verdict Of Justification Cannot Be Reversed
- B. Most People Are Shocked To Discover That They Are *Condemned Already*

II. THE LORD EXPLAINED THAT PEOPLE DO NOT RESPOND TO HIS OFFER OF GRACE IN ISOLATION FROM THEIR LOVES AND THEIR ACTIONS (3:19-21)

- A. The Charge Against People Who Are Already Condemned (3:19)
 - 1. An Emotional Problem: They Prefer Darkness To Light
 - 2. A Practical Problem: They Perform Evil Deeds
- B. The Explanation Of The Charge Against People Who Are Already Condemned (3:20-21)
 - 1. Evil Doers Betray Themselves By Two Significant Responses To Light (3:20)
 - a. Emotional Response: *Hateth The Light*
 - b. Directional: *Neither Cometh To The Light*
 - 2. Truth Doers Respond As They Do Because, Unlike Those Who Hide In The Darkness, They Actually Want Their Deeds To Be Known (3:21)