

Jesus the Only Hope of the Condemned

John 3:17-21

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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. 19 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. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 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." NKJV

In America, long before a person is condemned we have a trial. And even if the person is as guilty as sin and committed the crime on TV during prime time, we still worry about what we call a fair trial. A trial where they must find 14 men and women who were in the shower or out for supper during the crime and their TV and radio are broke and they don't read the newspapers or look things up on the internet. Sounds a little absurd doesn't. Well at the end of time when people stand before the greatest judgment throne ever assembled, they will not be judged by a jury of their peers. They will not be judged to find out if they are guilty and condemned, because they are condemned already.

No Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world. That is already a fact.

You do not need to wait for the judgment to know if you are going to make it or not. You're not.

- I. Jesus purpose was not to condemn us. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,
 - A. but that the world through Him might be saved.
- II. Faith justifies us before a holy God 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned;
- III. A lack of faith leaves us where we were.
 - A. but he who does not believe is condemned already,
 - B. because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- IV. The proof is in the deeds
 - A. People love sin and darkness
 1. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light,
 - a. because their deeds were evil.
 2. 20 For everyone practicing evil
 - a. hates the light

- b. and does not come to the light,
- c. lest his deeds should be exposed.

B. Some do what is right

- 1. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light,
- 2. that his deeds may be clearly seen,
- 3. that they have been done in God.