

“NOT A QUICK FIX!”

JOHN 3:16-21

Two entirely different men have a conversation one night. In 3:1-15, we find an elongated interaction between these two. In 3:16-21, we find the abbreviated version. Yet what they talk about is a matter of colossal concern!

THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

① The P_____ (3:16a,17)

The _____ of God initiates this very first and greatest gift ever – the provision of the Son.

The _____ of this verse can actually be a liability.

Jesus did not come to condemn but to _____ this world. For this world was already condemned.

After the first two chapters, the next _____ chapters of the Old Testament narrate the chaos and discord of sin’s aftermath.

② The P_____ (3:16b,18)

You must _____ (Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 1:21; 1 Tim. 4:10; 1 Peter 1:21; 1 John 5:1).

Ponder these points:

1. The _____ to believe isn’t something you stir up within yourself (Ephesians 2:8)

2. Though the _____ is broad, the response is minimal (Matthew 7:14)

3. Though many _____ are thought possible, the way is one (John 14:6)

4. This matter of belief is a _____ - _____ - _____ act (Ephesians 1:13)

Failure to believe in Jesus, in the name of Jesus, leaves you in the same condition in which you entered this world – condemned.

③ The P_____ (3:19-21)

It’s a _____ - _____ relationship. The unbeliever loves darkness and hates light.

Anything that transgresses the law of God is sin, and thus evil. There aren’t big sins and little sins, even if the consequences may be somewhat different.

We all sin. If we continue to sin, we develop habits. Thankfully, we have a _____ God who forgives us when we confess our sins.

How can you know you’re a Christian? Look at the fruit. The _____ is in the _____.

CONCLUSION

What _____ of the Bible are people reading from your life? What _____ are they following as they track your life? Be the living example of the Living Word. Open your heart, open your hands, and most importantly, open your mouth as you share the truth of God’s Word. Care to share?