

Lesson - John 3:16-4:3 (NIV based)

THEME - Purpose Of The Son; and Testimony About The Son and God

v.16 What is the Son's purpose?

- believe = GRK # 4100 to believe on, trust in, or rest upon
- belief = (Webster's) "a state or habit of mind in which trust or confidence is placed in some person or thing; conviction of the truth of some statement or the reality of some being or phenomenon especially when based on examination of evidence"; to hold an opinion; think; suppose, know
- trust = (Webster's) "assured reliance on; placed confidence in; dependence on; to hope or expect confidently"; to lean upon like walking on ice on a pond

v.17 What is not the Son's purpose?

v.18 Why does the Son not have to condemn the world?

v.19 Why does the world stand condemned?

v.20 Why don't multitudes of unbelievers flock to our Bible study?

v.21 What is the ultimate source of good?

v.22 Did Jesus do the baptizing? A: No, see John 4:1-2

What was the function and purpose of this baptism? A: baptism = GRK # 0907 to baptize or immerse in or wash with water; a token of purification from sin and spiritual pollution; identification of a repentant change of heart; an outer public physical declaration symbolically depicting what has occurred spiritually on the inside

v.23 Why were people coming to be baptized?

vv.25-26 Is there any link here between ceremonial washing and baptism?

Should believers today be observing baptism? by immersion? A: see Matt. 28-19

vv.29-31 What is John saying here? A: John's testimony is that he is not the person of honor or distinguish - Jesus is.

vv.32-35 What is the main thought or concept in these verses? A: Jesus' testimony about God has the authority of God because Jesus came from heaven - He has seen and heard.

v.36 What is the response that God requires of man concerning this testimony?

- "...Believes in the Son..." for or about what?
- What are the consequences?

- Is God's wrath equated with "stands condemned already" in v.18?
- What is God's wrath? A: see Luke 12:4-5

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