

John 3:19-21

## People Loved Darkness

The doctrine of original sin is the only empirically verifiable doctrine of the Christian faith.

- Reinhold Niebuhr

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 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.

John 3:16-21

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He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

John 1:10-11

## John 3:19-21

1. People choose to remain in the darkness rather than to come into the light of God's Son. (v.19)
2. People are aware of their sins and moral failures and they want to hide them. (v.20)
3. People hate the light. (v.20)
4. Only an act of God can lead people to love the light. (v.21)

“There is now no reason why any person should be in a state of hesitation, or of distressing anxiety, as to the manner in which they may escape death, when we believe that it was the purpose of God that Christ should deliver us from it.”

- John Calvin