John Lesson 10

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INTRODUCTION

- God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- That's often referred to as the miniature gospel, for indeed it tells us of the greatest gift ever given.

1 Saving Belief Is a Belief That Obeys

John 3:5; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:33

- The word only is not in John 3.16.
- Belief is comprehensive, that is saving belief, is a kind of belief that obeys.
- Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- So just because it doesn't specify repenting, or doesn't specify confessing, we're not to conclude that they are not essential.

2 God Sent Not His Son to Condemn the World

John 3:17–18; Romans 3:23; Ezekiel 18:20

- For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.
- According to the word of God, they're lost because of sin.
- Jesus Christ is the expression of God's outstretched hand. Extends to all men's salvation. But we're lost if we do not accept God's hand.
- If we reject Jesus Christ, we in effect have really judged ourselves.

3 Men Love Darkness Rather Than Light

John 3:19–21; John 15:18–20; 1 Corinthians 1

- This is the condemnation that light is coming to the world, and men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- The real problem is that they do not want to change.
- If the world hate you know that it hated me before it hated you.
- Don't hate the light. God has turned the light on that you may have wisdom to know how truly to live in this world.

4 Baptizing Because There Was Much Water There

John 3:22–23; Matthew 3:13–16; Acts 8:35–39

- Why was John baptizing in Enon near to Salem? Because there was much water there.
- Do you know that the word baptism itself literally means immerse, submerge, overwhelmed to cover?

- He had to go down into the water to come up out of the water.
- Keep an open mind and an open Bible and do God's will in God's way.

5 He Must Increase, but I Must Decrease

John 3:25–31; John 1:29–35

- He must increase, but I must decrease. He that cometh from above is above all.
- John stood sort of like the best man. He is the friend of the bridegroom.
- We should give all the glory to Christ and not to ourselves.
- Let Jesus Christ increase in our life as we grow in faith and mature.

6 The Father Hath Given All Things Into His Hand

John 3:32–36; Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:22–23

- Jesus Christ did not have a part or just a measure or gift of the Holy Spirit, but it was given without measure in the fullness.
- The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into his hand.
- The Bible only speaks about one Lamb of God, not several.
- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life. And he that believeth not the Son shall not see life. But the wrath of God abideth on him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you come to him for salvation for eternal life? Won't you put him on?**

MY NOTES