

Darkness vs. Light John 3:19-21

(v.19) The condemnation of mankind. Mankind is condemned in this text. Three significant reasons are given for this condemnation.

a. **Favor toward men.** *"Light is come into the world."* Titus 2:11. "...grace of God...has appeared to all men." Luke 2:10-11. "...Tidings of great joy, ...to all people. For unto you is born this day...a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

b. **Fondness of men.** *"Men loved darkness rather than light."* Men love sin more than righteousness. 2Th 2:12 "That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

c. **Foulness of men.** *"Their deeds were evil."* Man has lived a foul life because he has not lived according to God's standards. Romans 1:18-32.

(v.20) The character of the wicked. This text exposes evil.

a. **Animosity to the light.** *"Every one that doeth evil hateth the light Job 24:13 " They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof."*

b. **Avoidance of the light.** *"Neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd"* A genuine BORN AGAIN believer will cause the lost friends to flee by his new lifestyle.

(v.21) The contrast to righteousness. Wicked people are a contrast to the righteous.

| | Verse 21 (saved/saint) | Verse 20 (the lost/wicked) |
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| Contrast in Crowd | <i>"He"(small crowd) "few" Mat. 7:14</i> | <i>every one (large crowd) "many"</i> |
| Contrast in Conduct | <i>doeth truth</i> | <i>doeth evil</i> |
| Contrast in Attraction | <i>cometh to the light</i> | <i>neither cometh to the light</i> |
| Contrast in Confirmation | <i>deeds...wrought in God. Mat. 5:16</i> | <i>deeds should be reprov'd</i> |

Application:

- A. Origin of Evil. Is. 14:12-17; Ez. 28:13-19. Satan's Pride and Fall.
- B. The Tragedy in the Garden. Genesis 3. Adam's Sin and the Curse upon the earth (for thy sake)
- C. The likeness of Adam passed on to all mankind. Ge. 5:3; Romans 5:12. "For as by one man..."
- D. BUT GOD, so loved the world. John 3:16; Romans 5:8. Christ's vicarious death!
- E. Man's biblical response: **REPENT & BELIEVE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- F. Deliverance: Col.1:13, I Peter 2:9. "Out of darkness into HIS marvelous light."
- G. THEREFORE: 2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?