# THE LOVE OF DARKNESS AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

## JOHN 3:18-21

1. **THE LORD CONCLUDES HIS CONVERSATION WITH NICODEMUS WITH A DISCOURSE ON THE SUBJECT OF CONDEMNATION (3:18)**
   1. Most People Are Clueless Of Their Judicial Standing Before God And Automatically Assume They Are In A State Of Acceptability  
      1. Only Those Who Have Believed Into Christ Are Acquitted
      2. A Verdict Of Justification Cannot Be Reversed
   2. Most People Are Shocked To Discover That They Are *Condemned Already*
2. **THE LORD EXPLAINED THAT PEOPLE DO NOT RESPOND TO HIS OFFER OF GRACE IN ISOLATION FROM THEIR LOVES AND THEIR ACTIONS (3:19-21)**
   1. The Charge Against People Who Are Already Condemned (3:19)  
      1. An Emotional Problem: They Prefer Darkness To Light
      2. A Practical Problem: They Perform Evil Deeds
   2. The Explanation Of The Charge Against People Who Are Already Condemned (3:20-21)  
      1. Evil Doers Betray Themselves By Two Significant Responses To Light (3:20)  
         1. Emotional Response: *Hateth The Light*
         2. Directional: *Neither Cometh To The Light*
      2. Truth Doers Respond As They Do Because, Unlike Those Who Hide In The Darkness, They Actually Want Their Deeds To Be Known (3:21)