

## WHY ARE SOME PEOPLE CONDEMNED BY GOD?

**John 3:18-21**

**(Not entirely original with me)**

**Introduction:** Just because God sent His son, Jesus, into the world to save people does not mean that everyone is automatically saved. Sadly, some are still condemned and doomed. In other words, there are some people who won't go to heaven. Jesus came to take away the condemnation of mankind, yet not everyone's condemnation will be removed by what Jesus has done. Why not?

### I. WHO REMAINS CONDEMNED?

1. The believer in Jesus Christ is NOT condemned.
  - The person who believes in Jesus:
    - is acquitted as if he/she never sinned.
    - is released.
    - is not to be enslaved again to sin.
    - is not to be condemned or judged.
  - The believer in Jesus is saved.
    - Still as guilty of sin as the unbeliever, but one major difference:
      - the believer has believed on Jesus Christ and has committed his/her life to Him.
      - God will save any person who believes in His Son and seeks to honor Him.
    - The believer is free from condemnation because he/she believes that Jesus died for his/her sins, in his/her place and has paid the penalty for his/her sins - which was death.
      - John 5:24; Romans 8:1; Romans 8:34
2. The unbeliever in Jesus Christ is the person condemned.
  - The unbeliever has not believed in God's only begotten Son.
    - It makes NO difference who or what kind of person one is, if he/she has not believed in God's Son, Jesus Christ, that person is condemned.

### II. WHEN IS THE UNBELIEVER CONDEMNED?

1. It is NOT that one day or someday the unbeliever in Jesus will be condemned. Unbelievers in Jesus are already condemned.
  - Condemnation is a certain fact, judgment of the unbeliever is certain and nothing can stop judgment from coming upon the unbeliever and every single unbeliever will be judged.
2. The unbeliever is already under the curse of sin for he/she is:
  - without Christ.
  - an alien from the people of God.
  - a stranger to the promises of God.
  - without hope.
  - without God in this world and all eternity.
3. The unbeliever already stands guilty of all his/her sins ever committed and is already condemned.
  - God's law has always existed and every time a person breaks any of God's laws, he/she is immediately guilty and condemned and judgment has already been pronounced.
    - Galatians 3:10, 12

### III. WHY IS THE UNBELIEVER CONDEMNED?

1. Obviously, the unbeliever has not believed in God's Son, Jesus Christ and that unbelief neglects, ignores, denies, abuses and rejects God's Son.
  - God's Son's holiness is ignored.
  - The truth of God's Son is not believed.
  - The goodness of God's Son is not considered.
  - The one closest to God's heart, His Son, is denied.
  - The name above every name is ignored and even cursed.
  - The only begotten Son of God is rejected.
  - Jesus Christ is the ONLY remedy for anyone's sins and to not believe, to reject, to refuse to believe in Jesus is the great damning, condemning sin.
    - John 3:36; 8:24
2. The unbeliever is condemned because God's Light has come into the world to show people the way out of the darkness of a sinful and dying world.
  - The light shows people the way God intends for them to live.
  - The light shows people the truth of God, of people and of the world.
  - The light shows people how to save their life and avoid the things that bring sin into his/her life.
  - Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.
3. The unbeliever is condemned because he/she had rather live in darkness.
  - He/she loves his/her life of sin and does not want to hear conviction from the light for he/she loves his/her sins too much to give them up.
  - He/she is full of pride and does not want to admit to nor confess his/her sin, so refusing the light enables him/her to continue his/her life of sin.
  - He/she is enslaved to sin and has lived in the darkness of sin so long (all his/her life) that he/she has no strength to break away.
  - He/she fears the shame, embarrassment and consequence of his/her sin, but that fear keeps him/her from facing the light of Jesus and admitting his/her sins.
    - Ephesians 5:3-6, 11; 1 Thessalonians 5:4, 6-7
4. The unbeliever is condemned because he/she just won't come to the Light, which is Jesus Christ.
  - Romans 13:12; Matthew 15:14
  - The unbeliever is uncomfortable when in the light of Jesus, therefore avoids everything that might bring him/her into the light, such as the church, the Bible, prayer, etc.
    - Many unbelievers reject, deny and fight the light, speaking and writing against it, making fun of it and trying to cover it up and even get rid of it.
      - John 1:4-5; 8:12; 12:35, 46; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 5:14

### IV. WHO IS NOT CONDEMNED?

1. The person who believes in Jesus Christ, knowing and doing what is right.
  - His/her life is not perfect, sinless, but still he/she directs his/her life toward Jesus, and when he/she sins, he/she is quick to go to God in confessing and repentance.
  - Only the person who desires the truth found in Jesus Christ is saved.
    - John 8:32; 14:6; 1 John 1:6-7; 2 John 4; 3 John 3
2. The person who comes to the light, being Jesus Christ, escapes condemnation.
3. The person whose life and works are focused on Jesus escapes condemnation.
  - Matthew 5:16; John 14:21; 1 Timothy 6:17-18; Titus 2:7; Hebrews 13:16; James 2:17

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Every human being is born with the nature to sin and stay away from God even though there is also within every human being an innate desire to know God.
2. Every human being is separated from God because of sin and because of sin is therefore condemned.
3. God's love for humanity caused Him to send His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to make a way for condemned mankind to be able to be justified and restored to fellowship with God.
4. God has declared that whoever believes in His Son, Jesus Christ, shall be saved and his/her sins be blotted out.
5. The only people who are not condemned are those who have believed in God's Son, Jesus Christ. All unbelievers remain condemned and will spend eternity in Hell.
6. Are YOU still condemned? If YOU have not believed in Jesus Christ, then YOU are still condemned.