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The Greatest Verses

John 3:16-21 ¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹And this is the verdict: The Light has come into the world, but men loved the darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come into the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever practices the truth comes into the Light, so that it may be seen clearly that what he has done has been accomplished in God." (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

A. God's love prompted Him to **sacrifice** His one and only Son for the sins of the world. V. 16

B. Belief in Him **bypasses** the Law of Sin and Death. V. 16

Romans 8:1-2 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (NIV)

C. The purpose for sending Christ into the world was **salvation** not condemnation. V. 17

D. Belief in Christ is the difference between **eternal life** and eternal condemnation. V. 18

E. The name of Jesus Christ Son of God is **essential** to salvation. V. 18

Matthew 16: 16-17 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. (NIV)

F. Jesus is the ultimate in revealed **truth** from God. V. 19

G. Mankind prefers darkness to light because the light **exposes** their evil deeds. V. 20

H. **Living** by what we know to be true reveals that God is working through us. V. 21

II. What can we learn from this very powerful passage?

A. We need to get off the fence regarding which law we are under. Are we under the Law of Sin and Death or the Law of the **Spirit of Life**?

B. Our saving faith is **verified** by what we do, not by what we profess.

C. However, our faith is not in our ability to keep us from sinning but His ability to **fully** save.

D. Guilt and shame have no **place** in our life!

E. Jesus is enough for an **abundant** life!

F. **God** alone gets the glory for our salvation!