

## **SERMON**

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, February 29-March 1, 2020

**SERIES: WHY GOD SENT HIS SON**

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### **John 3:16-21 NIV**

[16] For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

[17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

[18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

[19] This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

[20] Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

[21] But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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## God sent His Son . . .

### 1. Because of His great love.

- unconditional and never ending
- God is love
- *1 John 4:9-10* This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

### 2. Because of our great need.

- condemned by our nature, sin, and rebellion

### 3. To rescue us from darkness.

### 4. To give us confidence and hope.

- *1 John 4:16-17* And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.
- *Psalms 34:5* Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
- *1 John 5:13* I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.
- *1 John 5:4* for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

# Lagniappe

We've made this year a year for evangelism and reaching people for a deeper life with Christ.

We are just finishing our initial push for getting us ready for what we can do in the remainder of the year and the years to come. People who are lost need Christ, and those who know Christ need to live closer to Him.

We have set out to make this a greater year for Christ.

Let me tell you about the two new sermon series that will take us through the end of June.

We have just finished "Who's Your One?" an emphasis on reaching our friends and relatives for Christ.

Our next sermon series (starting today) will also be about evangelism and growing deeper. Today we begin "Why God Sent His Son." We will look at an Easter theme as we look at the love of God and His sending His Son to be the once and for all sacrifice for our sin.

This series will be seven weeks (February 29-March 1 through April 11-12). My hope is to use these sermons to build on what we began with "Who's Your One?" This should be a great time to ask your "one" to attend with you as we show the love of Christ expressed in His coming and death to reconcile us to God.

Beginning April 18-19, we will begin a ten-sermon series entitled "Ten Steps to a Joy-filled Life". This series will end in June and will call us to grow in Christ.

Only in Christ can we really have a life of joy, meaning, and blessing.

All of this is leading to August 15-16 when we will have 2,020 people in Bible Study!

Would you join in praying for our worship services and the new people who will be joining us? Would you commit to know Christ in His fullness and to let Him work in greater ways through you?