

# **What Christmas Cost The World**

## John 3:16-21

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the

only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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gave his only Son, that whoever  
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1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that **he loved us and sent his Son** to be the propitiation for our sins.

that is, in Christ **God was reconciling the world to himself**, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

## Mark 12:1-6

And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-

handed. Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. He had still one other, a **beloved son**. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'



## Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, **but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,** whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

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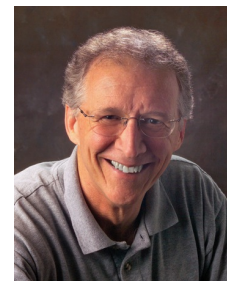
## Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.**

Jesus did not come to a neutral world with the result that some people moved from neutrality to be anti-Jesus, and others moved from neutrality to be pro-Jesus. Nobody was neutral. And nobody is neutral. We have all sinned. We are all guilty. We are all perishing.

Therefore, we are all under God's righteous wrath. And we are already condemned.

– John Piper



And this is the **judgment**: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

2 Corinthians 2:16

**to one** a fragrance from **death** to  
**death, to the other** a fragrance from  
**life** to life.

God's rescue mission not only provided the opportunity for people to be set free from judgment but it also provided the opportunity for people to reject the rescuer.

– Dale Whitehead





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## 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but **had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

Here is the cause of man's unbelief: he loves the darkness, and therefore hates the light. What a proof of his depravity! It is not only that men are in the dark, but they *love* the darkness — they prefer ignorance, error, superstition, to the light of truth. And the reason why they love the darkness and hate the light is because their deeds are evil.

– A. W. Pink



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exposed.**

## Job 24:13-17

There are those who rebel against the light... The murderer rises before it is light, that he may kill the poor and needy, and in the night he is like a thief. The eye of the adulterer also waits for the twilight, saying, 'No eye will see me'; and he veils his face.

In the dark they dig through houses; by day they shut themselves up; they do not know the light. For deep darkness is morning to all of them; for they are friends with the terrors of deep darkness.

## Proverbs 1:29

Because they hated knowledge and  
did not choose the fear of the LORD

But whoever does what is true **comes to the light**, so that it may be clearly seen that **his works have been carried out in God.**”

The lover of light is not some intrinsically superior person. If he or she enjoys the light, it is because all that has been performed, for which there is no shame or conviction, has been done through God in union with Him, and therefore by His power.

– D. A. Carson





Stop appealing to sinners psychologically. Stop saying, “Do you want purpose in your life? Jesus will give you purpose.” Stop saying Jesus will make you happy, give you a better life, solve your problems, make you better, make you richer—stop. That produces false converts because that sheds no light on the sinner’s wretchedness. That uncovers nothing. That exposes nothing. That’s a lie. What you want to do is shine the light of the pure righteousness of Jesus Christ as brightly as you can on the sinner and see if the sinner runs.

– John MacArthur



John 4:39

Many Samaritans from that town  
believed in him because of the  
woman's testimony, **“He told me all  
that I ever did.”**



George Friedrich Handel

Born 1685- Died 1759

“Messiah” written in 1741

## Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

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The kingdom of this world  
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign for ever and ever,  
For ever and ever, forever and ever,

King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
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    And He shall reign,  
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