



The Reason for the Fighting **John 3:11-21**

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God (John 3:21—KJV).

But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God (John 3:16—NASB).

But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God (John 3:21—NRSV).

God maintains the highest moral standards called holiness; which means, God always acts according to the perfect law of love. When we evaluate how we have treated God, others, and ourselves, we know that we have failed to love perfectly. To help us, God sent His only Son into the world, an expression of God's perfect love, not to condemn the world, "but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17). Jesus Christ came into the world as the light (the truth) that the world needs so people can do what is right, loving, and true. Jesus said that the deeds of those who do what is true have been done in God; therefore, when those who do what is true come into the light, people have an opportunity to see God working through them in their achievements.

The Bible also teaches that some people hate the light and love the darkness because their deeds are evil (John 3:19-20). Great conflicts can arise between those who hate the light (because they want to do evil) and those who let the light of God shine forth through their deeds. The Bible teaches that this conflict between those who do evil and those who do what is true will continue until Jesus Christ returns as He promised. Until then, believers in Jesus Christ can pray, speak, and act according to the Scriptures. Then, perhaps those who hate the light will come to understand the truth, learn to love the truth, and come into the light that they might be saved from darkness.

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