

Express gratitude for God's love and light that reached you when you were still condemned

1. Jesus' death on the cross provides \_\_\_\_\_ for those who believe in Him

*John 3:14-15*

Nicodemus' recurring question to Jesus was "How can this be?" when what he should've been asking was "How can I be \_\_\_\_\_?"

*Numbers 21:4-9*

It's significant to stop and think that grumbling was the basis for God's \_\_\_\_\_ of His people and to realize that His warnings against grumbling continue for us today

*1 Corinthians 10:6; 9-10*

*Philippians 2:14-15*

*"In the camp of Israel, the solution to the 'serpent problem' was not in killing the serpents, making medicine, pretending they were not there, passing antiserpent laws, or climbing the pole. The answer was in looking by faith at the uplifted serpent."*

**Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary***

*Isaiah 52:13*

**Mega Themes from John 1 - believe**

*John 1:11-12*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ was the motivation that moved God to send His Son to save condemned people

*John 3:16-18*

So now when you think about the greatest promise communicated in the Bible know that it's in reference to a \_\_\_\_\_ world who desperately needs what God's amazing love provided – His Son's substitutionary, atoning death for our sin

*"He creates the universe, already foreseeing . . . the buzzing cloud of flies about the cross, the flayed back pressed against the uneven stake, the nails driven thru the mesial nerves, the repeated torture of back and arms as it is time after time, for breath's sake, hitched up. If I may dare the biological image, God is a "host" who deliberately creates His own parasites; causes us to be that we may exploit and 'take advantage of' Him. Herein is love. This is the diagram of Love Himself, the inventor of all loves."*  
**C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves***

This love that God has is for the whole world – for everyone in our \_\_\_\_\_  
– and we have the privilege of letting them know Who has rescued us.

*". . . the Son of Man came into an already lost and condemned world. He did not come into a neutral world in order to save some and condemn others; he came into a lost world (for that is the nature of the 'world', 1:9) in order to save some. That not all of the world will be saved is made perfectly clear by the next verses (vv. 18-21); but God's purpose in the mission of Jesus was to bring salvation to it. That is why Jesus is later called 'the Saviour of the world.'"*

**D.A. Carson, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Gospel According to John***

The Good News becomes the Great News when you understand the \_\_\_\_\_ news

3. In order to respond to Jesus, we must be willing to step into the \_\_\_\_\_ of His truth

*John 3:19-21*

**Mega Themes from John 1 - light**

*John 1:9-11*

*"The difference between the believer and the unbeliever does not lie in the guilt or innocence of either; it lies in the different attitudes they take toward the 'light.' The unbeliever shrinks from the light because it exposes his sin; the believer willingly comes to the light so that his real motives may be revealed."*

**Merrill C. Tenney, *The Expositor's Bible Commentary* – John**

1 John 1:8-9

**Now What?** Express gratitude for God's love and light that reached you when you were still condemned