

"For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him" (Jn. 3:17; NAS).

Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world. He came because the world was already condemned! Mankind was guilty of sin. God's will had been transgressed and humanity was spiritually helpless. But God, in love and mercy, sent Jesus to remedy our situation. The gospel is good news! Jesus came and died for our sins!

Therefore, I really like Jn. 3: 17 wherein we see that Jesus did not condemn the world by coming into it, but provided a way that the world might be saved. His message was one that showed the escape from carnality and sinfulness. He told us of the way, the truth, and the life--and it is Him (Jn. 14:6)!

As we teach others let's remember this simple fact. Our message is not one of condemnation or guilt. Sin has already done that! Our message is one of hope and forgiveness. We are to focus on the future and how it can be changed by knowing Jesus. Talk about righteousness. Talk about the holiness and redemption we know in the Savior. Sin no longer needs to be master, Jesus can be lord!

Everyone can be saved through Christ if they will learn and become obedient to Him (Mt. 11:28-30). Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1Tim. 1:15). The next time you have the opportunity to share your faith, do so in a positive way that overcomes the condemnation of sin.

See you Sunday!
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