He Who Believes in Him Is Not Judged

Happy Wednesday!

""For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."" John 3:16-21 NASB1995

These are the Words of Jesus when He spoke to a teacher of the law who was named Nicodemus. These Words reveal Jesus' purpose in coming from Heaven to earth: having been sent by our loving God to offer salvation and eternal life. Jesus didn't come to earth to judge it (though the Bible does tell us that when Christ returns, He WILL be Judge), Jesus came to lead the lost to the Father by following Him, The Light.

Jesus says this about Himself: "the Light (Jesus) has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God" (copied from above). Being "wrought in God" is translated as being "done in the sight of God."

What this reveals is that God already knows whether our deeds are evil or not. Everything done, said, and thought by each of us is already seen by God. Notice here that there is no reference to being perfect or good enough, only a reference to looking at the desires of your heart: loving evil or *practicing* the truth that comes with Light. Since God already knows our hearts, it seems that living in darkness is really a cover up to keep our own selves in the dark - lying to ourselves - about what we truly want: our way or God's way.

What about you? Do you already stand judged on your own because you hate the light of Jesus Christ and love the darkness of your own way? Trust God and do not hold yourself back. He will never let you down. People will let you down - even people who love God - but God will never leave you or forget you.

Prayer:

Father I thank you that nothing is hidden from you. Please reveal to me my hidden sins so that I may repent and live my life in the full Light of Your Name. Thank you that the Light of Your Son, Jesus, illuminates my path to You.

Worship:

"Abide" by Dwell Songs and Aaron Williams https://youtu.be/Q7JsK50NGaA?si=hS2mOaooqMUDzXD1 [youtu.be]

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