

Do you know why people will face judgment from God?

Let's look at what Jesus Himself says:

*John 3:19* - "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."

This verse gives a sobering truth: people will not be judged simply for ignorance—but for rejection of the Light, which is Christ. Judgment comes because people consciously choose darkness after the Light has been revealed to them.

What does it mean to "love darkness"?

To love darkness is not just a feeling—it's a decision. When someone prefers one thing over another, especially in matters of truth and morality, it reflects the posture of their heart. In this context, "loving darkness" means choosing sin over righteousness, despite being given the opportunity to live in the light.

It's not as if people didn't have a chance. The Light—Jesus Christ—has already come into the world (John 8:12). But many have rejected Him not because they didn't know, but because they preferred their sinful ways.

The Problem Isn't Ignorance—It's Rebellion

Imagine being in a dark room, and someone turns on a bright light. Suddenly, everything is clear and visible. But instead of staying in the light, people get up and walk back into the dark. That's what's happening spiritually in our world.

Jesus emphasized that people reject the Light willingly:

John 3:20-21

“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.”

This passage is not about ignorance; it's about the willful suppression of truth (cf. Romans 1:18). People avoid the Light because it exposes their sin—and they don't want to repent. But those who are sincere, who love truth, will come to the Light and walk in it.

Why Do People Prefer Darkness?

According to the Bible, sinful acts love secrecy. Sin thrives in hiddenness and shame. Even in daily life, we see this:

- Thieves steal at night.
- Adulterers seek secrecy.
- Drunkards lose themselves under cover of darkness.

This is echoed in the Old Testament:

Job 24:15-16

“The eye of the adulterer also waits for the twilight, saying, ‘No eye will see me’; he veils his face. In the dark they dig through houses; by day they shut themselves up; they do not know the light.”

Sin corrupts not only our actions but our desires (Jeremiah 17:9). The problem is not just what people do, but what they love. And if one loves sin more than God, that love will be their condemnation.

We Must All Choose—Light or Darkness

God has given every person a choice. Jesus said:

*John 9:5* “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Jesus is not just a light—He is the Light (John 1:4–5), and His presence reveals the truth about our hearts. He doesn’t only expose sin—He offers forgiveness, freedom, and transformation through the Holy Spirit.

But we must respond. You can’t blame Satan or anyone else. Jesus didn’t say, “Satan made them love darkness.” He said, “people loved darkness rather than light” (John 3:19). That means the responsibility lies with us.

So, what have you chosen?

Are your actions exposing a love for the Light or for darkness?

If you claim to know Jesus but continue to live in sin without repentance, then by your actions, you are choosing darkness. And Scripture warns that those who choose darkness after receiving the Light are in danger of judgment (Hebrews 10:26–27).

But there's good news: you can step into the Light today.

How?

- Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:12)
- Repent from your sin (Acts 3:19)
- Receive the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies and empowers you to walk in holiness (Titus 3:5; Galatians 5:16)

When you do this, you pass from death into life—from darkness into Light—and become a child of Light (Ephesians 5:8).

Jesus is still the Light of the world. And He is calling you to walk in that Light today.

## Ephesians 5:14

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Choose the Light. Choose life.

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