

“The Son from Heaven” (John 3:11–21)

Big Idea: Jesus is God’s Son come down from heaven in whom we must believe.

I. You must believe what Jesus says about himself. (verses 11–17)

a. Believe in Jesus as the Son of Man from heaven. (verses 11–13)

Proverbs 30:2–6

b. Believe in Jesus as the Savior from our curse. (verses 14–15)

“As Moses Lifted Up the Serpent in the Wilderness”: Numbers 21:4–9

“So Must the Son of Man Be Lifted Up”: Isaiah 52:13; 53:10b–12; John 8:28; 12:23–33; 19:38–40

c. Believe in Jesus as the gift of God’s love. (verses 16–17)

This sacrifice of an only son is again a familiar image from the Old Testament.
Genesis 22:1–2, 6–14; Hebrews 11:17–19; John 1:29

II. You must believe in Jesus to be saved from deserved condemnation. (verses 18–21)

a. To believe in God’s Son is to escape your condemnation. (verse 18a)

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned...

John 5:24; 6:40

b. To refuse belief in God’s only Son is to seal your condemnation. (verse 18b)

John 3:31–36

c. To refuse God’s light is to love evil deeds. (verses 19–20)

d. To come to God’s light is to glorify God’s grace. (verse 21)

Ephesians 2:8–10

Conclusion (Isaiah 9:2, 6–7)