

John's unbeliev John 3:1-3; 14-21 - Intro: something worse than not believing in God is believing in God & refusing Him His rightful place in our lives. (not kinds of Atheists) ① Deny God

② Deny God - The Bible has far more to say about this than the other - For Bible unbeliev is not disbelief but disbelief "Heart, unbeliev, not head, unbeliev." is the heart man believeth - not ~~intellectual~~ intellectual denial but spiritual defiance = Belief is commitment, Trust - The greatest sin it is source of all other sins - Eve, Israel

Gospel of John is the Gospel of belief - its purpose is to provoke men to commitment themselves to Jesus X - Chapter Three reveals the character consequences of unbeliev

Qsa - Come now, let us Reason together

I - a Sin against Logic - v. 2 - "Faith is common sense in its highest action - not a blind leap into the dark but a leap into the light."

Prodigal Son "He came to himself" Sermon on Mt = foolish, build house on sand = ~~to turn~~ 2 - turn life over to us make for repairs - home, life, business 3 - convinced by the evidence - I don't ask men to believe w/out first presenting evidence. Carl Bontes: Discovered I could do far more w/ my life than I could w/ my money

II - a Sin against Light - v. 17-21 - 1 - X didn't come to condemn but we condemn ourselves by not coming to Him. 2 - what condemns a man is he knows what is right & doesn't do it - condemned more for what we don't

do than for what we do - vs 18 - James 4:17 3 - "I want to do what is right" - then prove it by coming to the light Moses kept out of Canaan for the act John knew better

4 - vs 19-21 disturbing all expenses = because deek are blind = Psalm 14:1 For he hath said in his heart - "no God" - a moral fool whose heart is possessed in love of sin = God & sin are incompatible - must choose

It's better = the scorpions are being led into their scorpions by their lusts = College students - The greater the light the greater the condemnation w/ sin we commit but w/ the light we see it

III - Sin against Love - 3:16 - the greatness of the sin is measured by the greatness of the love - greater the love, greater the sin - The marble-hearted sin of ingratitude. 2 - In O.T. God would base His appeal for commitment on His saving acts - Psalm 12:1 - beseech by mercies, O - reasonable service - Heb 10:29 - 1 - Temple 2 - blood unrighteous 3 - insults Spirit

IV - a Sin against Life - vs 15, 16 - the issue isn't doctrine or denomination, but life - whether we live or die, whether we live in ~~the~~ victory or defeat - no life, life, abundant life.