## SERMON OUTLINE

## Whoever Believes in Him

John 3:16 (Part 2 of 3)

- I. <u>The Cross is what God did</u> The Father sent Jesus to die on the cross, bearing the penalty of our sins (line 2 of John 3:16).
  - A. God's dilemma He loves the whole world, but He must judge all sin (2 Peter 3:9; Romans 2:5).
  - B. Our dilemma We are all sinners and deserve eternal punishment (Romans 3:10, 20, 23; Romans 6:23).
  - C. Through Christ's death on the cross God solved the dilemma of loving sinners, but needing to judge sin (John 3:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:8; 1 John 2:2).
- II. <u>Believing in Him is what we must do</u> We must trust only in Jesus' payment for our sin (line 3 of John 3:16).
  - A. Believing <u>in</u> Christ is not the same as believing <u>that</u> Christ died for sins (John 3:14-15; 3:18; 3:36).
  - B. Believing in Christ means deciding to trust in what <u>Christ did</u> for me and <u>not</u> anything <u>I do</u> (Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9).
    - What are you trusting in for eternal life?

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