The Lost and Saved
John 3:16-21

Introduction:
A. John 3:16 one of the most quoted verses of Scripture.
   1. Favorite of “faith only” advocates.
   2. Yet it says nothing about faith only.
B. John 3:1-21 reveals than some great insights into both the lost and the saved.

Discussion:
I. The Lost.
A. Responsible for their own condemnation. (vv. 17-18).
   1. Jesus did does condemn them – already condemned.
   2. Judge themselves unworthy (Acts 13:46)
      a. Gentiles did not live up to the revelation they had (Rom. 1:20-21; 2:14-15)
      b. Jews did not live up the revelation they had (Rom. 2:17-25).
B. Loved darkness rather than light (vv. 19).
   1. Light reveals sin for what it is.
   2. Light upset the status-quo for sinners.
      a. Why Jesus disturbed Jewish sectarians.
      b. Why Paul upset the pagan world.
   3. Light is welcomes for good men (v. 21).

II. The Saved.
A. Saved by God’s “only begotten son.” (v. 16).
   1. Begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin.
   2. Died to remove our sins (Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor 15:3).
B. Saved by faith in the Son (vv. 16, 18).
   1. Includes faith in His person and attributes.
   2. Includes faith in His word and will.
   3. Includes faith in His power, position and promises.
C. Saved by doing the truth (v. 21).
   1. Not merely believing the truth, but doing it.
   2. Our faith must be broad enough to include deeds wrought in God.” (Cf. Gal. 5:6).
      a. Verse 16 does not contradict verse 21.
      b. Rom. 4:3-5 does not contradict Rom. 4:12 nor James 2:23-24.
      c. Faith leads to repentance, confession, baptism and godly living.

Conclusion:
A. If you are lost, accept responsibility for it; repent of it and turn to Jesus.
B. If you will be saved, believe and do the truth – obey the only begotten Son of God.