

# Key Passage Study

## John 3:14-16

### Key Passage

*(Commit passage to memory & write out things you learn from the passage, not taking anything else into account except what is said in the **key passage** itself).*

1. There is a relationship between the salvation of the Israelites when Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness and the salvation of Christ.
2. Faith is essential for salvation
3. This passage speaks of the greatest being: God; the greatest motive: love; the greatest gift: His Son; the greatest invitation: whoever; the greatest punishment: perish; the greatest promise of salvation: eternal life.
4. Some will perish and some will live; Jesus did not believe that all men would be saved. If man does die, it is his own choice and doing.

### Context

*(Study context, verses before and after that relate to key passage, and write out what you learn from the context that helps you to properly understand the key passage).*

1. The context is from 3:1-3:21.
2. Jesus is speaking about one being born again in order to enter the kingdom of heaven (v. 3, 5). This meant to be born of the water and Spirit.
3. As one can feel the affects of the wind, but not know where it actually originates from or where it goes, so the Spirit affects men in various ways through the word bringing about conviction (v. 8).
4. Jesus is well able to speak of earthly and heavenly things since he came down from heaven (v. 10, 11).
5. Thus we must believe in Him.
6. The Lord's mission into the world was not to condemn it or bring it to judgment so to speak, but to save it.
7. Those who disbelieve him have condemnation (v. 18). Their condemnation is that they love darkness (v. 19). Everyone who practices evil hates the light (v. 21).
8. The one who practices truth comes to the light and his deeds are done "in God."
9. So, contextually, whatever this believing is, it is being born of the water and Spirit, it is accepting Jesus as the Son of God from heaven, it is working "truth" and deeds that are "in God."

### Cross References

*(Find and study cross references and write out how they relate to the key passage).*

1. Deeds done in God are truth (Jn. 3:21); baptism is "in God" (Matt. 28:18, 19), therefore baptism is of truth and is "in Christ" (Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26, 27).
2. Faith "in Christ" results in salvation (Jn. 3:15, 16); baptism is "in Christ" and for salvation (Gal. 3:27; 1 Pet. 3:21); therefore baptism is of faith (Col. 2:11, 12).
3. It was imperative that Jesus be lifted up, "must" (v. 14). John 12:27-36. Compare the historical context to which Jesus brings out these truths: Numbers 21:8

### Application

*(Write out how the key passage, with an understanding of the context and cross references, applies for us today).*

1. There are two sides of eternity: a side of perishing or a side of salvation. Our belief (s) or lack of, pertains to both.
2. The side of perishing must be horrible. It was horrific enough that man needed a Savior, that only God could save him, and that God would save him. Be diligent to make our election sure (2 Pet. 1:10).
3. The heavenly side, must be so grand that God was willing to come here to provide a way for us all. When something is great, you want all to see and partake of it. Think how great heaven must be!