

## **The Word Today Encouragement**

**John 3: 16-17**

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This is Pastor Doug Schroeder of The Word Today and let's find some encouragement in John, chapter 3, verses 16 and 17. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Whenever there is a scare, a disease like some people are experiencing now and there is a global fear that is surrounding us all, people ask the question, is this from God? Is God judging us, is God condemning humanity? No one has an answer for that at the moment. The truth of the matter is that Jesus always pointed to disasters and he said this a warning to get right with God and we would say that it is a warning to us to come to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

We do know this: Ultimately God punishes sin, but he also offers forgiveness through Jesus. He didn't send Jesus in order to condemn the world and the diseases and accidents that happen here are not meant to prevent you from salvation. God loves you and he gave you a Savior. No matter what befalls you, no matter what you face this day, know that God sent Jesus Christ, the Father sent His Son into the world that you might have salvation through Him. God is not ultimately looking to condemn us, but to save us.

I hope that you will turn your heart toward him and that you will receive Jesus Christ and know that God loves you and has given you a Savior so that you can be forgiven.