

The Root of the Tree: UNBELIEF!

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The definition of "sin" is the act of disobedience to God's command. We all commit many of these "acts" in our everyday lives, such as Lying, Stealing, Cheating, Adultery, Homosexuality, Murders, Idolatry, Witchcraft, Hatred, Cursing, Lusting, Drunkenness, and many, many others.

But there is only **ONE** sin that will send all of us to hell, and that is **the SIN of UNBELIEF**, the root of all sins.

God spoke to holy men, and they wrote it down, but most people **do not believe it** and *that* act of '**UNBELIEF**' is what leads men and women to deny God, to deny His Son, and deny the virgin birth and resurrection of His Son.

The first recorded words that God spoke were "**Let there be Light**," found in Genesis 1:3. This "**Light**" is without an apparent "source" as we know it, and yet, God "spoke it" into existence. But "mankind" **doesn't believe** it.

Nevertheless, God testifies that the people (*all of humanity*) which sat in darkness (*all sinners are in darkness*) saw **great light**. Read Matthew 4:16.

In 1 John 1:5, "...**God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all." In John 9:5, Jesus said "**As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**" And in Matthew 5:14, Jesus said of all his followers, "**Ye are the light of the world.**"

Yes, **LIGHT** is what men reject. "**He that believeth on him (Jesus) is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already...WHY?**

because he wasn't baptized in water? because he did not speak in tongues? because he didn't keep the seven sacraments? because he didn't knock on enough doors? because he didn't belong to your religion? NO!

"...because he **hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**" The Word of God came down from heaven and dwelt among men. He did what

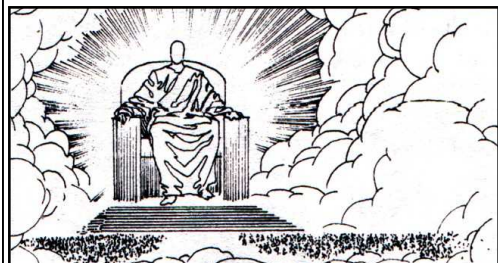
we could not do: **keep God's commandment perfectly**. Then he paid the price for our sins by dying on a cross in our stead, giving us victory over death through his resurrection on the third day.

But mankind **won't believe it**.

"...And this is **the condemnation**, that **light** is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil**. For every one that doeth evil **hateth the light**, neither cometh to the **light**, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that **DOETH TRUTH**...not **DOETH GOOD DEEDS**, "...**cometh to the light**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God" (1 John 3:18-21).

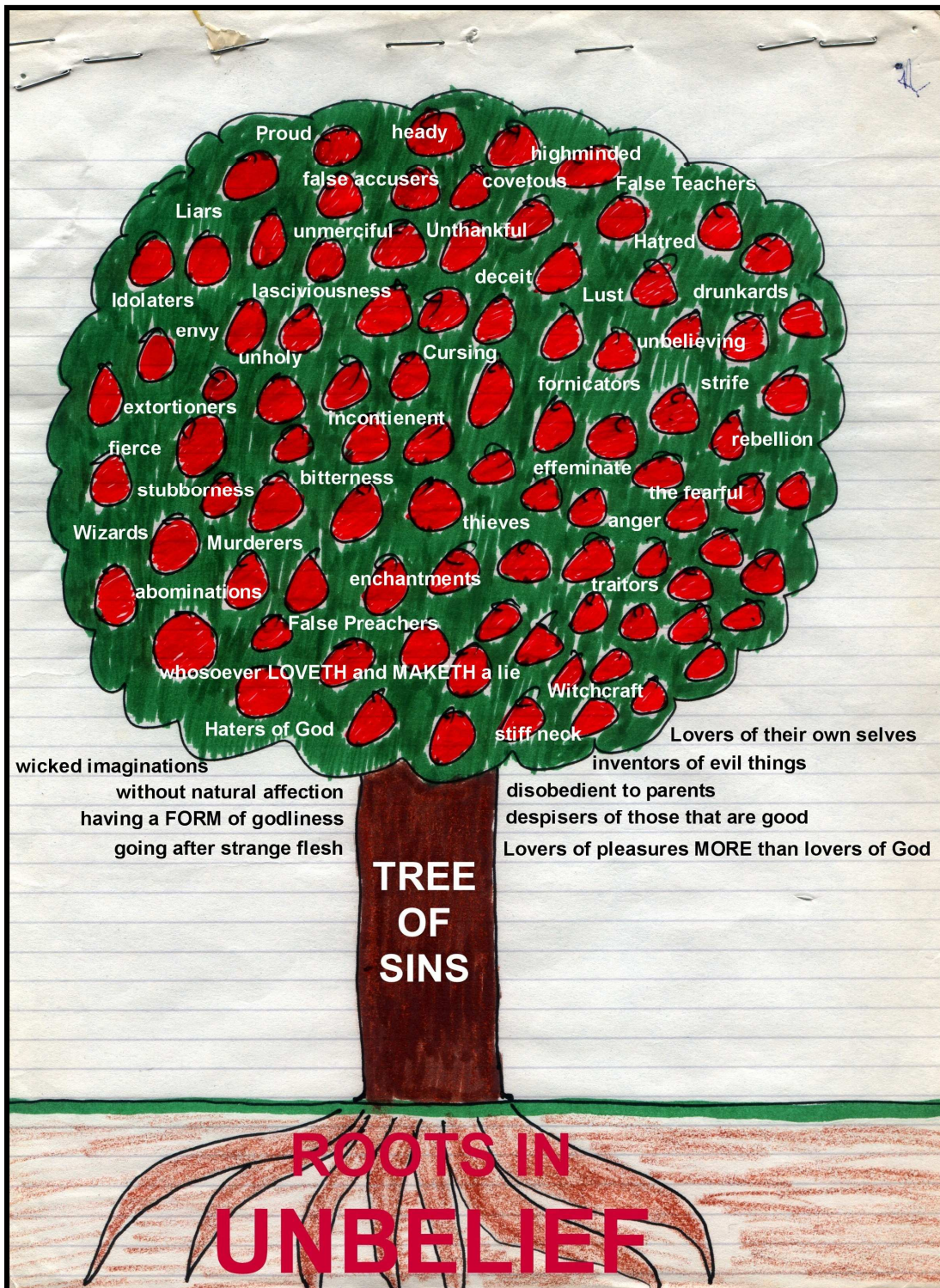
Jesus said, "**I am come a LIGHT into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath ONE that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day**" (John 12:46-48).

There is **a day coming** that will be man's **last day** when **the books are opened**. You **DON'T** want to be there. Ask God to save you now, and He will.



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