

**HOW DARK IT WOULD BE  
(John 1:1-11)**

- I. We would not have God's grace revealed to us.**
- A. John 1:17.
  - B. Titus 2:11-14.
  - C. 1 Corinthians 1:4.
  - D. Romans 5:15.
  - E. 2 Timothy 1:9.
  - F. These verses all show us that if Jesus had not been born that this world would not have the grace of God in it.
  - G. What a terrible thing that would be, knowing that grace is one of the substantial factors involved in our salvation.
    - 1. Acts 15:11.
    - 2. Ephesians 2:5, 8.
- II. We would not have truth.**
- A. John 1:17 again.
  - B. John 14:6.
  - C. Truth in its use in the New Testament is equal to the gospel.
  - D. Without Jesus coming into the world, there would be no gospel.
  - E. This would mean very dire circumstances for our world:
    - 1. There would be no means of salvation (Romans 1:16).
    - 2. We could not be sanctified, or set apart (John 17:17).
      - a. The church as a whole couldn't be sanctified (Ephesians 5:26).
      - b. Individuals couldn't be sanctified (Hebrews 13:12).
    - 3. We would have no cause for rejoicing (1 Corinthians 13:6).
    - 4. We could not exhibit fruits of the Spirit (Ephesians 5:9).
    - 5. All would be damned because there would be no truth to believe (2 Thessalonians 2:12).
    - 6. We couldn't be pure (1 Peter 1:22).
  - F. Without Christ coming into the world we would be doomed to being slaves to sin (John 8:32).
- III. We would not have a sacrifice for our sins.**
- A. Sin is the great separator between God and man (Isaiah 59:1-2).
  - B. Man needs a sacrifice in order for his sins to be removed because there has to be the shedding of blood for sins (Hebrews 9:22).
  - C. Jesus came to be that sacrifice:
    - 1. Hebrews 7:27.
    - 2. Hebrews 9:26.
    - 3. Hebrews 10:12.
  - D. Without Jesus, there remains no more sacrifice for sins (Hebrews 10:26).
- IV. There would be no mediator between God and man.**
- A. 1 Timothy 2:5.
  - B. Hebrews 8:6.
  - C. Hebrews 9:15.
  - D. In the long ago, Job cried out for a daysman (Job 9:33).

1. Job wanted someone to plead for him.
  2. He wanted someone to mediate between him and God.
- E. Jesus does that for us today.
1. Hebrews 7:25.
  2. Romans 5:10.
- F. Without Jesus we would not have the intercessor, or mediator, that could bring us to God.

**V. There would be no forgiveness of our sins.**

- A. Paul, when preaching in Antioch of Pisidia, was preaching about Jesus and said, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13:38).
- B. Ephesians 1:7.
- C. Remember Hebrews 9:22 - no remission without shedding of blood.
- D. Without Jesus coming to earth we would never be able to have our sins forgiven.

**VI. There would be no hope of heaven.**

- A. 1 Peter 1:3 - if Jesus had not come to earth, He could not have died and been resurrected and we would not have hope.
- B. 1 Timothy 1:1.
- C. The worst words a doctor can give are "no hope."
- D. Think about that for which we hope:
1. The resurrection (Acts 24:15).
  2. The ability to not be ashamed before God (Romans 5:5).
  3. We hope for the glory of God (Colossians 1:27).
  4. We hope for eternal life (Titus 1:2).
- E. Hope is our anchor (Hebrews 6:19).
- F. The gospel message, which comes as a result of the work of Christ, gives us hope (Romans 15:4).
- G. Hope allows us to rejoice (Romans 5:2; 12:12).
- H. If Jesus had not been born we see from these verses that we would not have hope and our lives would be miserable.
- I. Again, what a terrible thing it would be, because hope is one of the factors involved in our salvation (Romans 8:24-25).