

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

“Should Not Perish”

John 3:16 is perhaps one of the most recognizable Bible passages today. John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him ***should not perish but have eternal life.***” While the majority of the world may readily recognize this passage, the majority does not listen to what the passage says. Many want to use this verse to teach unconditional salvation. They want to say that we are all saved solely because Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and arose. What the passage actually says is the opposite. God gave His only Son, so that the world ***should not perish.***

Sadly, many interpret this verse as if they are saved unconditionally. “*Should not perish*” means that there is no plausible reason for anyone who understands the Bible and Christ’s sacrifice to continue living in sin. The opportunity has now been extended to all to come out of darkness and into the light. However, as was the case in the 1st century, and today in the 21st century, many choose to stay in the darkness rather than come into the light (Jn. 3:19-20). If you have read this passage and understand what it means, there is no logical reason for you to continue living in darkness.

Service Times:

Sunday: 10 am,
10:45 am & 5 pm
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