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Do we prefer the darkness of sin or the divine light?

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For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light

came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. (John 3: 16-21)

Anyone who commits evil hates light. Jesus is the light of the world. Anyone who runs from Jesus's light condemns himself to hell, that is, to eternal separation from Christ. Therefore, it is not God who condemns sinners, but sinners who condemn themselves through their lack of belief. If they have heard and seen, unbelievers can't say they don't know God. And what about you? Have you preferred the darkness of sin or rather the divine light that allows you to welcome conversion and, thus, your eternal salvation?