



### **John 3: 14-21**

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”



I’m a four year veteran of youth choir. Being part of choir means practicing weekly, learning the music, and of course learning the song “Shine On Us” — a song that all youth choir members have sung.

When I am in choir singing, I am focusing on when I’m suppose to come in and trying to sing the right notes. I don’t really focus on the words that I am singing...I think being on key and not coming in too early is pretty good for a 16 year old!

This scripture passage talks about “light” and how we are called to be and show God’s light to this world. Thinking about the scripture, the words from “Shine On Us” popped into my head: “*Lord let your light, light of your face, shine on us.*” I

have never taken the time to hear these words. The song's message is to let God's light, grace, and love shine through our lives to the world.

It can be hard to show God's light. It's especially hard for me to show God's light on Friday nights when I'm focusing on winning for my team. It's hard to show it when coaching basketball and none of the kids are listening.

Verse 21 reminds us, "But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."



- Christopher Lyle



*Lord, help us to show your light to the world. Help us to show grace and love to those around us. Thank you for giving us light in the dark world. Amen.*