March 15, 2015 **"The Condemning Heart"** (John 3:14-21)

What does the word **"Condemn"** mean? *"To express complete* ______ *of someone, typically in public. It can also mean to censure and/or sentence someone to a particular punishment, especially* _____."

3 Things we need to see:

#1. – Christ does not ______ us. How can we condemn someone else?

Jesus wasn't in the business of condemnation, he was sent to earth to _____!

Jesus knows there are people who carry ______ sins all the time – sins like envy, bitterness and _____, and a condemning heart.

If you have a condemning heart, you are out of sync with the _____ of Jesus!

With the woman at the well, Jesus offered to exchange her well water for ______ water!

#2. - We are not to condemn others; neither are we to condemn

Some people don't come to Christ because they don't feel they are ______enough.

We keep bringing back to memory our sins of the ______, holding them against ourselves.

Some of us are too hard on ourselves. And it stands as a ______ between ourselves and others.

#3. – When we accept ourselves and all other people as children of God, we ______ the love of Jesus Christ.

That is when we truly become ______ - when we can accept others as He accepts us!

It makes God smile when we _____ Christ!

Be careful when you ______ anyone, since the Bible teaches we will be dealt with the same ______ with which we judge another.

John 3:16-17 – "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Powerful words. Life-changing words. Never condemn anyone – including _____!

Reflect the _____ of Christ!