

believe that God has provided the way of salvation, and neglects to accept Christ as Savior, he can not be saved.

Friend, are you the individual described above? Have you lived a life thinking that you are too wicked to save or that you do not need to be saved? Don't make the eternal mistake of waiting until it is too late. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isa 1.18)

For further understanding, find a Bible and read the Gospel of John. Call or write to the address below to contact someone who will gladly assist you and pray with you.

### **Susquehanna Valley Baptist Church**

1001 B North Mountain Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Sunday School - 10:00 am

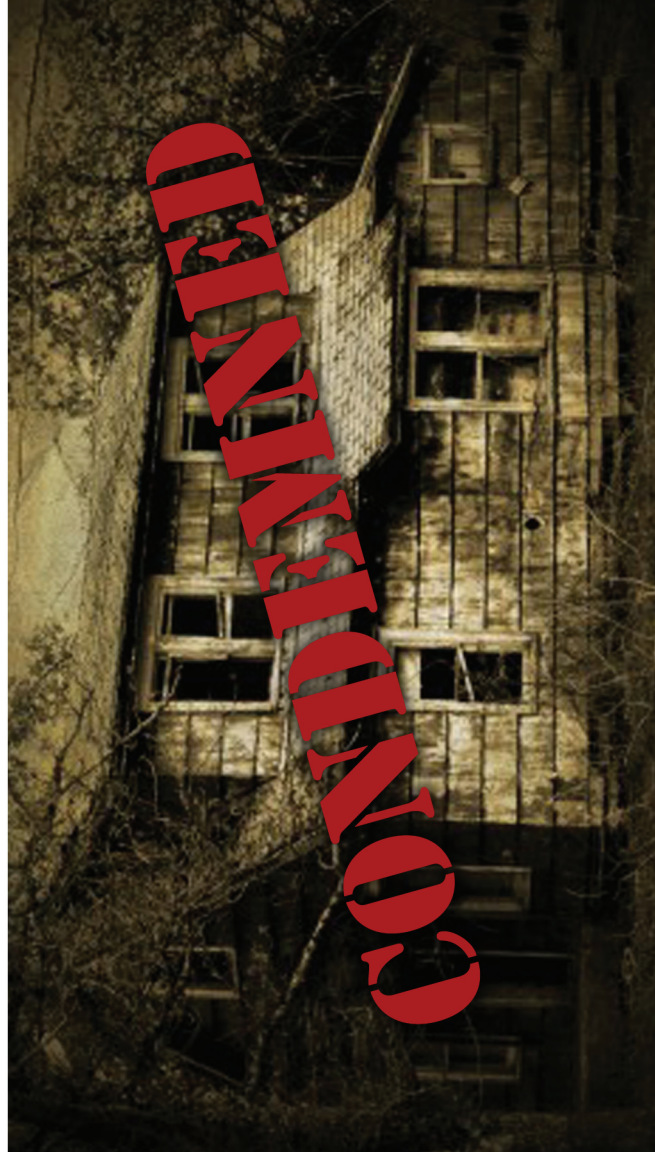
Sunday Morning - 11:00 am

Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm

Thursday Prayer - 7:00 pm

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Walking around my neighborhood one day, I saw a house with a sign that read in large letters “Condemned --- not inhabitable.” As I looked at the house I was amazed. On the outside there were no tell-tale signs of condemnation. The lawn was mowed, the windows were intact, and there were decorations still hanging on the door. Why was this building that looked so good on the outside considered to be uninhabitable? I discovered later that the reason for the building’s weakness could be found on the inside – irreparable structural damage.

Just as a building may look wholesome on the outside, but be condemned because of the inside, so mankind can look wholesome and successful yet be condemned to an eternity without Christ. How can this be? The Scriptures tell us, “...for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh upon the heart.” (I Sam 16:7) Just as the

housing inspector was able to search and find the source of condemnation, the Lord (the heart inspector) is able to search the heart to find spiritual condemnation.

In the Gospel of John we find “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

Mankind has an inherited sin nature in that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Not all sin is seen by mankind, but God sees the inward matter of the heart. God saw that mankind was condemned to eternity in hell, and He sent his only begotten Son to die for them.

Who then are those that can not be saved? The Scriptures tell us, “He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” (Jn 3:18) If a person refuses to