

Think On These Things...

### THREE

The number three has long been viewed as being unlucky. Many professional athletes choose not to wear a number having a three represented. Many are superstitious and are afraid such will bring them bad luck. Growing up, I played baseball, and each year when the uniforms were handed out, I grabbed the jersey displaying the number three. I was going to prove that three was a lucky number. I never made it professionally, but I believe I represented that number well in my youth.

Have you ever stopped to consider how many times the number three appears in Sacred Script? It's fascinating to read and study those particular passages. In reading, I found that on several occasions three was somewhat unlucky. For example, the Egyptians, because of the hardness of their hearts, experienced three days of darkness (**Exo. 10:21-29**). Jonah, because he would not go to Nineveh as God had commanded, spent three days in the belly of a great fish (**Jon. 1:17**). Saul, in his pursuit to persecute Christians, was blinded by the Lord on the road to Damascus and was without sight for three days (**Acts 9:9**). In addition, when Christ bore our sins on the tree, darkness came over all the earth and lasted three hours (**Luke 23:44**). In each one of these cases, three represented a period of darkness and despair, which is what you have when God is not present. Darkness is the absence of light, and when sin (darkness) is present, God (light) will not be there. Sin separates man from God and its subsequent result is death (**Isa. 59:1-2; Rom. 6:23**). It's imperative that we not walk in darkness but be found walking in the light of His Word. John writes, "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and

declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." **(1 John 1:5-7).**

Is three a lucky or unlucky number? I guess that all depends on whose side you're on!

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