



**For God So
Loved The World**



Jn. 3:16

- **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”**



1. “God So Loved The World”

- The Bible speaks of God’s eternal nature, wisdom, power and His love
- **1 Jn. 4:8**
- “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love”



1. “God So Loved The World”

- **The object of God’s love is “the world” = the world of humanity**
- **Romans 5:12**
- **“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”**



1. “God So Loved The World”

- The love of God is impartial – He is no respecter of race, social class, wealth etc.
- **Jn. 6:37**
- “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”



2. “God So Loved...That He⁶ Gave”

- **The gift** = “his only begotten son”
- The gift that God have was and will always be more priceless than any gift ever given!
- Jesus came as a teacher, a miracle worker, a great example etc.



2. “God So Loved...That He⁷ Gave”

- **But the main point of this text is that he came as a sacrifice for our sins**
- **Jn. 1:29**
- **“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”**



2. “God So Loved...That He⁸ Gave”

- Rom. 5:6
- 2 Cor. 9:15



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- **“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”**

2 Cor. 9:15

- “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”



2. “God So Loved...That He¹¹ Gave”

- “The language of love is best understood in terms of sacrifice; so the supreme sacrifice was made.”

Frank L. Cox



3. “Whosoever Believeth”

- The gift of eternal life is free- but the gift is received only by an obedient faith
- Some say since baptism is not mentioned here, that it is not essential
- Note that repentance is not mentioned in this verse



3. “Whosoever Believeth”

- **Jn. 3:36 (ASV)**
- **“He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.”**



4. “Should Not Perish, But¹⁴ Have Everlasting Life”

- **“Should not perish”** = There is no deliverance that can compare with being delivered from an eternity in Hell, in the lake of fire.
- **Rev. 21:8**

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- **“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”**



4. “Should Not Perish, But¹⁶ Have Everlasting Life”

- God loves us and does not want us to be lost
- Lk. 13:3
- Rom. 2:4

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- **“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”**

Rom. 2:4

- **“Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?”**



4. “Should Not Perish, But¹⁹ Have Everlasting Life”

- **“Have everlasting life”** = “That which the whole world is looking for is what the Christian has in promise: ‘And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life’ (1 Jn. 2:25).” B.J.Clarke



4. “Should Not Perish, But²⁰ Have Everlasting Life”

- We should not fear death
- This eternal life is found in Christ Jesus
- 1 Jn. 5:11

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- **“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”**



Because God Loves Us, We²² Ought To Love Him!

- 1 Jn. 4:19
- Mk. 12:30
- Jn. 14:15

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- **“We love him, because he first loved us.”**

Mk. 12:30

- **“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.”**



Jn. 14:15

- "If ye love me, keep my commandments."



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