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"God So Loved The World"

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. John 3:16

God so loved the world! I love this declaration of our Lord Jesus Christ. The magnitude of God's love for the world is voiced in these powerful words from John 3:16. This verse, which is read, quoted, and revered by every Christian, reveals the death of our Lord. It asserts the extent of God's love in one word. It declares that God SO loved the world. This little word, SO, impacts and challenges our heart. It affirms the expanse of God's love, its breadth, length, depth, and height.¹ As it expands the borders of our understanding, we become aware that the love of God for man is great, so great. Our words are not adequate to grasp its dimensions or explain its grandeur. It is so big!

Our comprehension of the greatness of God's love begins with a study of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the only begotten Son. As we mediate in the Word of God, our eyes are opened to the wonder of His sacrifice. We acknowledge His death as the foundation of God's plan to rescue man from sin and oppression. The truth of this loving sacrifice is conveyed by the Apostle John in 1 John 3:16. In



this verse, He declares, *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us.* Did you notice the word *perceive*? Through the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, we can perceive the love of God. When

our hearts comprehend His love, we confess that we are sinners and Jesus is the Savior. It is through the work of the Holy Spirit that we are drawn to Jesus as the sacrifice for our sin.

Every man who acknowledges the death of Jesus for sin and receives Him as Savior and Lord is changed by God's love. This magnificent change is proclaimed by our Lord Jesus in John 5:24. He states, *He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.* Oh, my!

What an impact this scripture has in our heart! God's love has brought us *life, everlasting life.* The promise of everlasting life is heralded over and over again in God's Word. In 1 John 3:14 the inspired words of the Holy Spirit declare, *We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.* We hear this truth again when the



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Apostle John testifies, *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.* Oh, do you see it? God's love was revealed so that we *might live.* We can believe in Jesus and receive life, everlasting life. This is glorious! The *so love* of God has defeated death and brought us the life of God.

As we travel around the world we are privileged to announce this good news. We are honored to boldly declare His love. Thank you for traveling with us as you pray! God bless you!

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¹ Ephesians 3:18