

TURN TO TEXT: JOHN 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.*

I. FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE JESUS:

“When we preach atonement, it is atonement planned by love, provided by love, given by love, finished by love, necessitated because of love. When we preach the resurrection of Christ, we are preaching the miracle of love. When we preach the return of Christ, we are preaching the fulfillment of love.” — BILLY G

“God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love.” — st. AUGUSTINE

— God is Love, so that’s what He does, because that is Who He is!

— His doing Love is based on Him Being Love.

— God initiated Love. He started it, will sustain it, and never stop doing it.

— He loves us without strings attached.

— He loves us without any “because”... not because you did or did not do anything... not because you were born in America, went to church, did a missions trip, went into the ministry, preached to thousands, read the Bible, or went to Promise Keepers.

— God is the ONLY Promise Keeper and His Promise is to eternally love us and to keep us throughout all time and eternity.

— He won us with His love and pursued us in His love.

Jer 31:3 *The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*

Eph 2:4-5 *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

ROMANS 5:6-8 *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—But God commendeth (proved, demonstrated) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

— Jesus said that there is no greater love than when a man would lay down his life for a friend...

— But that is only the greatest demonstration humans can show to other humans.

But Jesus did not just die or lay down His life for good people or for His friends, He died for His enemies, those who opposed Him, mocked Him and would never love Him in return.

ROMANS 5:10 *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*

- JESUS LOVED THE UNLOVELY
- JESUS WAS SEEKING THOSE WHO WERE NOT SEEKING HIM
- JESUS DIED FOR THOSE WHO WOULD NOT DIE FOR HIM
- JESUS LOVED THOSE WHO DID NOT LOVE HIM
- JESUS PERSUED THOSE WHO DID NOT PERSUE HIM
- JESUS CARED FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT CARE FOR HIM
- JESUS LOVED THE WHOLE WORLD, WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD DOES NOT EVEN LOVE HIM.

“The Love of God” — Frederick M. Lehman

*Could we with ink the ocean fill
and were the skies of parchment made
were every stalk on earth a quill
and every man a scribe by trade*

*To write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry
nor could the scroll contain the whole
though stretched from sky to sky*

*O love of God, so rich and pure
how measureless and strong
it shall forever more endure the
saints and angels song . . .*

II. THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH:

— First and foremost, God does not want anyone to perish and to miss His Love and the Gift of His Eternal Life.

[2 Peter 3:9](#) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

— We are not preaching on this verse today, but it's vitally important that we connect Jesus continuous thought that He is trying to convey to Nicodemus.

[John 3:17](#) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

— Some get saved out of fear, some get saved by compassion the Bible says, but IT IS THE GOODNESS OF GOD THAT LEADS US TO REPENTANCE!

— God leads with **“I Don't condemn you, I love you and forgive you.”**

— Jesus came to seek and to save the hopeless, lifeless, lost and helpless.

— But mark it down, if you do not want to receive His Love and Life, the One Who cared and Created all of us, you will not be forced to, but spend eternity W/O it.

[John 3:36](#) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

— God is not an Indian Giver, He is not trying to bait and switch you, all a person has to do is to simply believe in the Lord Jesus Christ:

[John 5:24](#) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

[John 6:40](#) For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” [John 6:47](#) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

[Rom. 1:16](#) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

“Live every day like it's your last, 'cause one day you're gonna be right.”

— RAY CHARLES

— Paul and Silas were put in prison for preaching the good news of simply believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and receiving the Free Gift of Eternal Life.

— I think the Prison Guard asked what most people do when it comes to the after life and going to heaven to be with God, “**what must I DO?**”

ACTS 16:27-31 *When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and twas about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” 29 And the jailer 5 called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...”*

III. BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE:

— Everlasting and Eternal Life are the same thing...

John 3:15 *that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

— Let’s clear this up, Heaven is a Place, but when we received Christ into our heart and life, we received His Eternal Life.

— Eternal Life is not a place, it is a Person.

— Eternal Life is not a somewhere, it is a Someone.

— The goal of the Christian is not to get out of hell and into heaven, it is for God to get out of Heaven and get into us.

— Whoever has the Son of God, has Eternal Life!

John 3:36 *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life...*

I John 5:10-13 *He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

I John 5:20 *And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

CONCLUSION:

— DO YOU HAVE THE ETERNAL LIFE OF GOD?

— IF NOT, DO YOU WANT IT AND TO KNOW that YOU SPEND ALL OF ETERNITY IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD, THE UNCREATED CREATOR OF ALL THINGS SEEN AND UNSEEN?

— WHAT MUST YOU DO TO HAVE THIS GREAT NEWS AND FREE OFFER AS GOD’S GREATEST LOVE GIFT?

— SIMPLY BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST!

— YOU GET IT BY BELIEVING, NOT BEHAVING.

— YOU GET IT BY RECEIVING, NOT ACHIEVING.

ROMANS 10:9-13 *if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “WHOSOEVER calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”*