

THE LOVE OF GOD

(John 3:14-17)

- Introduction:
1. To know the love of God is to prompt us to love Him in return (I John 4:19).
 2. No passage in the Bible introduces us to the love of God any greater than John 3:16 - the “*golden text*” of the Bible.
 3. This passage, through three avenues, gives us insight into the love of God.

I. That “*From Which*” We Are Saved

- A. (John 3:15-16) - Perishing.
- B. To “perish” is not to suffer the loss of being, but the loss of well being.
- C. Hell is that from which God has saved us.
 1. Hell is fire (Revelation 20:14).
 2. Hell is eternal (Matthew 25:46).
- D. Once entering through the gates of Hell, you leave all hope behind. Forevermore you are separated from the love, grace, and pity of God.
- E. Thank God for His gracious offer of salvation from Hell!

II. That “*For Which*” He Saved Us

- A. (John 3:16) - Everlasting life.
- B. Heaven is God’s promise to the righteous.
 1. (John 14:1-4) Mansions.
 2. (Revelation 21:1-4) No death, sorrow, crying, pain...
- C. As the song says, “*Heaven will surely be worth it all.*”

III. That “*By Which*” He Saved Us

- A. (John 3:16) - God’s Son.
- B. (II Corinthians 5:21) Jesus became our sin offering.
- C. (Isaiah 53) Jesus was the suffering servant smitten by God.

- Conclusion:
1. Will you respond to the love of God today (I John 5:3; John 14:15).
 2. One anonymous poet rightly expressed the indescribable nature of God’s love.