THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S LOVE (John 3:16)

INTRODUCTION:

John 3:16 is a Foundational Verse on Salvation. It clearly presents that Salvation is a Gift from God, received through Faith in Christ, rather than through one's own actions or merits.

o "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).

In this message, <u>The Greatness of God's Love</u>, we will meditate on three key points: (1) The Object of God's Love, (2) The Sacrifice of God's Love, and (3) The Result of God's Love.

I. THE OBJECT OF GOD'S LOVE (v. 16a)

"For God so Loved the World"

- A. **God's Love is Universal** (Rom 5:6, 8, 10; John 2:16)
- **B.** God's Love is Personal
- C. God's Love is Unconditional (Eph 2:8-9)

II. THE SACRIFICE OF GOD'S LOVE (v. 16b)

- "... He gave His only begotten Son ..."
- A. God's Gift of His Son is Unique and Profound (1 Tim 2:5)
- **B.** Christ's Sacrifice Atones for Sin
- C. Sin Demands Payment (Rom 6:23; 1 Cor 15:3; 1 Pet 2:24)
- **D. God Demonstrated Action Over Words** (Matt 1:21; Mark 10:45; 1 Tim 2:6)

III. THE RESULTS OF GOD'S LOVE (v. 16c)

- "... that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
- **A.** The Condition of Salvation (Mark 16:16; John 6:40; John 6:47; 10:27)
- **B.** The Alternative to Perishing
- C. Eternal Life is knowing God and Christ (John 17:3)

CONCLUSION:

- A. God loved the world of sinners, lost and ruined by the fall; Salvation, full, at highest cost, He offers free to all. Stockton
- B. "Although my memory is fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior." John Newton
- C. "The Gospel is open to all; the most respectable sinner has no claim on it than the worst." Martin Lloyd-James
- D. "God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, "I Love You" Billy Graham
- E. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).