

# “God’s Love”

## Subtitled: “Jesus Christ”

### Lesson Focus:

**John 15:13** *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

### **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. (KJV)*

**John 3:16** *For God so greatly loved and dearly prized (cherished) the world, that he[even] gave his only-begotten (unique) Son, so that whosoever believes in (trusts, clings to, relies on) Him should not perish,---come to destruction, be lost--- but have eternal (everlasting) life. (Amp.)*

### Definitions:

1. **Love** – a strong affection for someone arising out of kinship or personal ties; an attraction based on sexual desires; affection based on admiration, benevolence, or common interest.
2. **Loved** – to be cherished, treasured, appreciated, respected, prized, and esteemed; to hold dear.
3. **Contrite**– to be sorry, remorseful, repentant, regretful, apologetic, penitent, and ashamed.
4. **Begotten** – refers to a New Testament phrase that describes Christ as the only, or unique, Son of the heavenly Father (John 1:14, 18; 3:16-18; I John 4:9), one and only, NIV). The Greek word expresses the idea of distinctiveness---“one of a kind.” As the unique, sinless Son, Jesus accomplished our salvation through His death on the cross.
5. **Humble** – modest, submissive, obedient, compliant, acquiescent, docile deferential passive meek.

#### **A. Causative Scripture: (The Cause and Need Restoration)**

**Genesis 3:6** *And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

#### **B. Remedial Scripture: (Judgment and Plan of Salvation)**

**Genesis 3:15** *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

**Luke 2:7** *And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

**Luke 2:11** *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

**C. Restorative Scripture: (Manifestation of The Promised Redeemer)**

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**1. For God so loved the world....**

Why?

**Genesis 1:26** *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

**Genesis 1:27** *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

**2. .... that he gave,**

What?

**Romans 5:8** *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

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**1 John 4:9** *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.*

**1 John 4:10** *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

**1 John 4:11** *Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

In what form or figure did His Love appear?

**3. .... his only begotten Son,**

Who?

**John 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

**John 1:14** *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

**4. ....that whosoever believeth in Him,**

For what purpose and why are we to believe?

**Romans 10:9** *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

**Romans 10:10** *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

**Romans 10:13** *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

**5. ....should not perish,**

What will we lose; our souls?

Who will cause us to perish? Satan “The Father of Lies”

How? He tempts us and because we have been given a free will by God to choose, often we fall into sinful or ungodly ways.

**John 8:44** *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

What causes one to sin; disobedience to the Word of God?

**1Corinthians 10:13** *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

What is our escape? Jesus Christ the only begotten of God.

**Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

**Hebrews 4:14** *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*

**Hebrews 4:15** *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

**Hebrews 4:16** *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

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## 6. ....but have everlasting life.

What do mean by everlasting or eternal life?

Everlasting refers the endless, timeless, and undying existence of a person, place or thing.

**Genesis 1:1** *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

**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.*

**John 3:18** *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

**Isaiah 57:15** *For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

**Isaiah 57:16** *For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.*

**Isaiah 57:17** *For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly (foolish, unwise) in the way of his heart.*

**Isaiah 57:18** *I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.*

**Isaiah 57:19** *I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him.*

**Isaiah 57:20** *But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.*

**Isaiah 57:21** *There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.*

