

# One of the least understood passages in the Bible

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Most have heard it. Many can quote it. After a in-depth look at John 3:16 most will conclude we don't really know all that it means. Why? because we look from our human (fallen) perspective. Therefore we do not define love the same as God. Let's look at John 3:16.

**For** = Because

Because the world was condemned.

Because God will be glorified.

**God** = Jehovah

His heart – this love is from the heart of the sinless One.

**So Loved** = His love is **p**ure, **p**erfect, and **p**owerful

He does not love with sin's motive. He does not love for self promotion. His love cannot be broken. His love is never a mistaken lust.

**He Gave** = His love cost Him

Paid with His Son.

His love was initiating. He loved first!

**Whosoever** believes in Him should not perish = His purpose is to bring glory to Himself as God through Christ's virgin birth, sinless life, vicarious death, and all-powerful resurrection.

I. Immeasurable love

- We generally love as a result of things done for us or because of things given to us.
- God loved us while we were still sinners. Even before the foundation of the world was laid Jesus was planned to die for our sins.
- He forgives our sins as far as the east is from the west.

THAT US IMMEASURABLE

II. Immutable Love

- Eternal life – nothing else has to be said. Eternal is forever and never ends

III. Indescribable

- I have set out to do what can never be properly accomplished.
- God says our sins make us His enemy. Yet He sent His own Son to die for us.

- We could talk of God's love for eternity and not exhaust its depth, its drawing power, or its sacrificial measure.

Closing remarks;

John 3:16 is the kind of love that sends missionaries into foreign and often hostile territory.

John 3:16 is the kind of love that leads us to forgive those who spitefully use us

John 3:16 is the kind of love that propels us into praying for our enemies

God's amazing love is beyond human comprehension.