



SENT
SENT BY THE FATHER | JOHN 3:16
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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

John 3:16 shows us the value God places on us, the cost He paid, and the invitation He extends

An intentional love with an astonishing reach

"For God so loved the world, that He gave..."

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8

How does God show His reach?

- **Through creation**

- The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. – Psalm 19:1
- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. – Romans 1:18-20

- **Through His coming**

- And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. – John 1:14

- **Through the mission of the church**

- And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
– Matthew 28:18-20

An incomparable gift

"He gave His only Son..."

- Matthew 3:17 – "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
- Colossians 1:15–17 – Jesus as eternal, creator, and sustainer.
- Romans 8:32 – "He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all..."



An unrestricted offer with an actionable response

"that whoever believes"

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

– Revelation 22:17

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. – Acts 10:43

An eternal hope

"shall not perish but have eternal life"

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." – John 3:1-8

- Admit your need
- Come to Jesus personally
- Trust Christ completely

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. – John 19:38-40

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Lord's Supper

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." – Mark 14:22-24