

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“The Ultimate Connection”**

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John 3:16 & Selected

*“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*

### **The Ultimate Connection:**

#### **I. Tells me that God loves me personally!**

*“For God so loved the world...” Vs. 16a*

#### **The Love of God is –**

- **What compels Him to save.**
- **What compels sinners to repent.**

### **John 3:16 is God’s Perfect Way of Telling Me –**

I am incredibly important to God!

#### **II. Offers to me the most glorious gift possible!**

*“...that He gave His only Son...” Vs. 16b*

*“But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8*

*“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.”*

Ephesians 2:4-5

**John 3:16 is God's Perfect Way of Telling Me –**

I matter to God more than I will ever know!

**III. Guarantees that God's forgiveness is available!**

*"...that whoever believes in Him..."* Vs. 16c

*"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* Romans 3:23

- How much sin is required to make someone a sinner?
- How much sin is required to separate someone from God?
- How much sin is required to condemn someone to hell?

**John 3:16 is God's Perfect Way of Telling Me –**

I can be forgiven regardless of what I have done!

**IV. Promises me life in the place of death!**

*"...should not perish but have eternal life."* Vs. 16d

**John 3:16 is God's Perfect Way of Telling Me –**

I don't have to die; I can live!

*"Jesus said to [Martha], 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'"*

John 11:25-26