

“Overwhelmed”

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John 3:16-17 NKJV: ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

#1. “For God”...The cross, and Jesus Christ dying a violent death on that cross, was the overwhelming demonstration of God’s unconditional love for the entire world, the whole human race, past, present, and future generations. Jesus was God’s love gift to every person.

- A. God had created the human race, one man and one woman. God created everything perfect. There was no sin, hatred, sexual perversion, jealousy, envy, violence, sickness, disease, poverty or racism. The man, Adam, was the head of the human race and whatever action he would take would determine the fate or blessing of the human race. Would he be obedient to God or disobedient?

Romans 5:12 NKJV: Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

But God was not going leave us in the condition that Adam put us in because of His great and reckless love!!

1 John 4:9-10 NKJV: ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

(SONG: RECKLESS LOVE)

#2. The scope and nature of God’s love.

A.Scope: “God so loved the world”. God’s love did not just flow to the people in Israel but to the whole world.

B.Nature of God: “For God so loved the world that He gave”

1. His giving was a sacrificial giving, “His only begotten Son”.
2. It was a Divine Exchange!

Romans 5:8-10 NKJV: ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

(SONG: DIVINE EXCHANGE)

#3. The design of God's love:

John 3:16 NKJV: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not PERISH but have EVERLASTING LIFE.

We were slaves to sin, fear, guilt, shame, and satan. We were dead to God because of sin. We were separated from Him, His love, and His blessings.

Ephesians 2:1-5 NKJV: And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Jesus died for our sins and they put Him a grave, but God raised Him from the dead. Death and the grave couldn't hold Him, and it can't hold or stop you from receiving God's forgiveness and His love.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 NLT: ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(SONG: AIN'T NO GRAVE)

ALTAR CALL:

John 3:17-19 NKJV: ... ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.