



Profound: Love

Scripture: John 3:16

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BOTTOM LINE: Gifts given in love grow in value over time.

John 3:16

Five Truths About God's Love:

1. God's love is great.

For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world - John shares how great God's love is and who the recipient of God's love is. The world is the object of God's love.

The world will tell you that God does not love you (because of your circumstances). Nothing could be further from the truth.

God only gave what He gave because He loved so much. - David Guzik

God so loved the world includes all people, not just believers. - D.L. Moody

Five Truths About God's Love:

2. God's love was expressed as a unique gift.

He even gave up His only begotten (unique) Son - He gave His most precious gift. The gift of Jesus is unique. There is nothing else like it.

God gave his best to us.

Five Truths About God's Love:

3. God's love is available to anyone.

So that whoever believes in (trust in, clings to, relies on) Him- This is not some intellectual agreement. This points to the idea of trusting in something with everything you have got. Whoever believes can be translated to all who believe.

Five Truths About God's Love:

4. God's love saves us.

Shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost)- God loves you and I so much. His intention isn't for us to perish or to be lost.

God did not put you and I here to be lost.

God loved the world of people and his love was not merely sentimental. Rather, it prompted him to take action. - Tony Evans

Five Truths About God's Love:

5. God's love has no expiration date.

But have eternal (everlasting) life- This answers the question of how long we may expect this gift to last.

If there is one sentence more than another which sums up the message of the Fourth Gospel, it is this. The love of God is limitless; it embraces all mankind. No sacrifice was too great to bring its unmeasured intensity home to men and women: the best that God had to give, he gave - his only Son, his well-beloved.- F.F. Bruce

*The heart of the gospel is not a philosophical observation about the character of God as love but a declaration of that redemptive love in action.
- Robert Mounce*

Three ways we can put this truth into action:

1. Live your life knowing that you are loved unconditionally by God the Father.
2. Share this incredible truth with those that the Lord has put around you.
3. Remember that even the most hardened heart is one decision away from knowing the truth of the Father's love.

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DO. **BOTTOM LINE: We can find our peace in Christ Jesus.**



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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. What does it mean to experience love during the Christmas season?
2. What is your understanding of God's love for us?
3. What are some ways you can apply this scripture to your life?



DO.

Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.