

Revealed – The Only Begotten

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John 15:12-14 (NIV) – “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command”.

“I found the greatest love of all, inside of me; the greatest love of all, is easy to achieve; learning to love yourself, is the greatest love of all” – **Whitney Houston**, *Greatest Love of All*

“**love**” = Greek *agapao* - “actively doing what the Lord prefers, by His power and direction; it is always defined by God and is conveyed by Christ living His life through the believer” - *HELPS* word study

“**one’s friends**” = Greek *philos* – “beloved or dearly loved”

“It must be an active obedience, notice that. ‘Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you’. Some think it is quite sufficient if they avoid what He forbids. Abstinence from evil is a great part of righteousness, but it is not enough for friendship” – **Charles Spurgeon**

Romans 5:6-8 (NIV) – “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”.

1 John 3:1a (AMP) – “See what an incredible quality of love the Father has shown to us, that we would [be permitted to] be named *and* called *and* counted the children of God! And so we are!”

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John 3:16 (KJV) – “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”.

“**only begotten**” = Greek *monogenes* – “one of a kind; unique”

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NIV) - “In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom also He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven”.

“His love was at once the source and the measure of theirs” – **Marcus Dods**

Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV) – The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people, and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you”.

Genesis 15:1-3 (NIV) – After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward”. But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir”.

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Genesis 15:4-6 (NIV) – Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir”. He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them”. Then He said to him, “So shall your offspring be”. Abram believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 22:2 (NIV) – Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love – Isaac – and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you”.

Genesis 22:5 (NIV) - He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then WE will come back to you”.

Hebrews 11:17-19 (NKJV), which we saw on Easter – “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, ‘In Isaac your seed shall be called’, concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense”.

Genesis 22:6b-8 (NIV) – As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father”? “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here”, Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son”. And the two of them went on together.

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Genesis 22:12 (NIV) – “Do not lay a hand on the boy”, He said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son”.

Genesis 22:14 (NIV) - “So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, ‘On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided’”.