

Join us for our annual week of prayer and fasting
Monday, January 5 - Friday, January 9
Prayer meetings at church every evening - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

The Mission: For God so loved... (John 3:16, 36)

- The Greatest Love**

For God (Theos) so loved (agapaō) the world (kosmos),

- The Greatest Gift**

...that he gave (*didōmi*) his one and only Son...

- The Greatest Invitation**

that whoever believes (*pisteuō*) in him...

- The Greatest Escape**

should not perish (*apollymi*)

- The Greatest Destiny**

but have eternal(*aiōnios*) life (*zōē*).

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

Term	Definition	Focus	Example
Atonement	Making amends for wrongdoing, covering or making up for sin	Broad concept – covering repeatedly Heb. 10:11	Umbrella
Propitiation	Specific type of atonement focusing on satisfying God's wrath or justice through a sacrifice, a complete removal	Specific, perfect final act of satisfying divine justice Heb. 10:12-14	Jesus' sacrifice

We love because he first loved us...²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. 1 John 4:19-21

Our response to God's love; is to first love Him and then love others.

Let's Talk About It

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible tells one sweeping story—God's loving mission to pursue, rescue, and redeem His people, not because of our worthiness, but because of His great love. John 3:16 shows us that God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, offering the greatest gift and the invitation to believe and receive eternal life. This life is not just endless existence, but a real relationship with the one true God through Jesus (John 17:3). Where sin once required repeated sacrifices, Jesus' sacrifice was final and complete, fully dealing with sin once and for all. Because God loved us first, our response is to love Him—and that love naturally flows outward as we love others and reflect God's heart to the world.

John 3:16-17, 36, John 17:3, 1 John 4:19-21

Discussion questions:

- Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
- Read John 3:16-17. What does this mean for you? Has it become cliché because of familiarity or does it energize your heart to worship in thanksgiving? What's the reason for either response?
- It's been said that "A missionary is not someone who crosses the sea, but someone who sees the cross." Do you feel too young or too old to be on mission? Why? What does it look like to live on mission?
- Perfect love casts out all fear. What fears hold you back from sharing God's love? What would it look like to share your faith without fear?
- Read 1 John 4:13-21. How does this scripture affect you going into 2026? Are there "brothers or sisters" you need show love to in word and in action? Take a moment to list the people God impresses on your heart to reach to. Write down a small step you can take. (Pray, contact, go, connect.)

Take a Step

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Here's My Prayer

God, thank You for loving me first and for giving Your Son so that I can know You. Help me receive Your love fully and respond with trust and obedience. Grow my love for You and let it overflow into the way I love others. Use my life to reflect Your heart and carry Your mission into the world. In Jesus' name, amen.