

Jesus is God's Love.

John 3:16

Introduction:

Most Christians know John 3:16 by heart. And even if you are not a Christian, even if you do not read the Bible or go to church, chances are you are at least acquainted with it. It is hard to miss this Bible text. Just watch a football or baseball game on TV sometime, and you will almost always see someone in the crowd holding up a poster that says "John 3:16."

Scripture:

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. John 3:16

Key Points:

1. He loved us. (So loved the world)
2. His Love is unselfish.(He gave His only begotten)
3. His love is for all.(whosoever)
4. His Love saves. (Whosoever believes in him should not parish.)

Outline:

1. He Loved us.
 - a. He did not die for those who were righteous alone
 - b. He died for the sinner too.
 - i. Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 - ii. Ephesians 2:4-5 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),
2. His Love is unselfish.
 - a. We love those who love us back.
 - b. Jesus loves everyone.
 - i. Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.
 - ii. Forgiveness is a form of love.
 - iii. Colossians 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
3. His love is for all.
 - a. Your race doesn't matter
 - i. John 4:9-10 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you

- would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”
- b. Your age
 - i. Luke 18:16 But Jesus called them to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.
 - c. Rich or poor we are all equal.
 - i. Mark 12:41-44 Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. 42 Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. 43 So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; 44 for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”
 - ii. These mites were made of copper and worth a fraction of a penny.
4. His love saves.
- i. John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
 - ii. Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
- b. Saves us from what?
 - i. Hell.
 - (1) 2 Thessalonians 1:9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
 - (2) Revelations 1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.
 - (3) Revelations 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Conclusion:

Are you living cowardly, are you an unbeliever, are you a liar? If we are claiming Christianity and we are exhibiting these traits then we need to evaluate where we are. Do you really want to accept God's love? If you do you need to accept all of it even though it means that we need to die to ourselves. Either we accept God and live with him forever or we reject him and spend eternity in Hell. Today you choose life or death.