

UNDERSTANDING JOHN 3:16.

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: **John 3:14-16.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. **John 3:16** is one of the most loved passages in the Bible.
 - 1) One of the most misunderstood misused.
 - 2) Used to promote faith only, grace alone, and universal salvation.
2. Our text relates a conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus.
 - 1) Centers on the new birth. (**3:3-8**)
 - 2) Nicodemus was confused. (**Read vs. 9-13**)
3. This discussion lays the background for this great text.

C. What is being taught? (Is it faith only w/o action on my part? Is it just recognizing that Jesus is the Son of God?)

DISCUSSION: FROM JOHN 3:16 LET US OBSERVE...

I. "FOR":

A. This word is used to explain a foregoing statement.

1. *Gar*: A primary particle; properly assigning a *reason*.
2. **John 3:14-16; Num. 21:4-9.**
3. God's grace provided for their salvation. Believing it was there was not the cure.

B. Jesus refers to His own death (**John 3:14; John 12:32-33**).

C. We must accept all things associated with the death of Jesus.

1. Obedience to divine instructions. ALL THINGS! (**Matt. 28:20; Acts 3:22**).
2. Obedience puts us in Christ (**2 Tim. 2:10; Gal. 3:27**).

II. GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD.

A. Loved = The highest form of love. Doing what is best for our welfare.

1. God gives meaning to the word love (**1 John 4:8**).
2. THE EXTENT: Note the word **SO**.
3. THE WORLD: Universal love of God (**1 Tim. 2:6; Titus 2:11**).

III. THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.

A. Giving is characteristic of God. (**Acts 17:25; James 1:17; 2 Cor. 9:15**).

1. The benefits of this gift are conditional. (Based upon obedience.)
2. Jericho was given by God's grace (**Heb. 11:30**).

B. What did the Father give for our salvation? HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON!

IV. THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM.

A. Whosoever = literally all or everyone.

B. Believeth = PISTEUO: To have faith; believe; to put trust in.

1. Same Greek word (FAITH) in **Heb. 11:6 and Rom 10:17**.
2. BELIEVETH = The ones that keep on believing (**Rev. 2:10**).
3. We obey what we believe (**Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:12**).

V. THE RESULT.

A. Should not perish but have eternal life.

B. The two destinies (Eternal life with God or eternal separation from God.)

VI. CONCLUSION.

A. **John 3:16** teaches that an obedient faith is absolutely necessary.

B. All men can have eternal life by receiving the gift from God.