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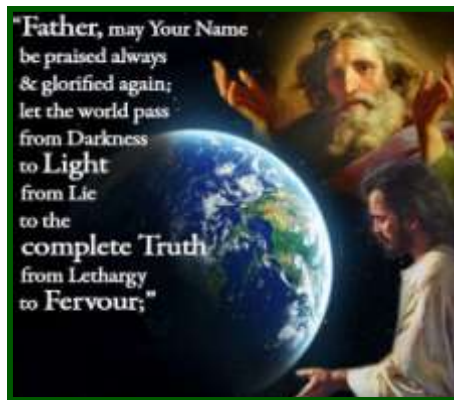


God "So Loved" The World

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Have you ever tried to describe how much that you loved someone or something. It is not as easy as it sounds! I once heard of a man who told his girl friend that he loved her so much that he would climb the highest mountain and swim the widest ocean for her. Then she asked him to go to the local corner market for her and he said, "I do not feel like going!" Kind of blew his case, did he not? All kidding aside, trying to describe the depth of God's Love is not so easy either. **But it should be noted, that farther away that we get from the cross, the more difficult it seems to become. So, it pays to stay as close to the cross as we can.** I really do not think that we are going to get much closer to the cross than we do than through n the simple Scripture John 3:16.



**John 3:16 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.**

## God So Loved The World

God so loved the World. This says it all. The whole purpose of this world has, is and shall be so that God can demonstrate His love and provide for us. It sounds so simple, but that is exactly God's Plan — God just wants to love and provide for us.

**1 John 4:10** And this is love, not that we had love for God, **but that he had love for us, and sent his Son to be an offering for our sins. (Basic English Version)**

**Isn't that what happens when we love somebody? We just want to give of our selves and provide for their needs. But, the difference here is that God is absolute in Holiness and demands and has made provision for each one of us.**

**1 Peter 1:15-16** But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; (16) Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy. (KJV)**

## Christians are told to be like or imitate their Heavenly Father

**1 Peter 2:15-21** For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: (16) As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. (17) Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. (18) Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. (19) For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. (20) For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God. (21) For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, **that ye should follow his steps:**



## God So Loved The World That He Gave

The natural out pouring of love is to want to give.

**1 John 3:17** But **whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need**, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, **how dwelleth the love of God in him?**