

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. John 3:16-18*

## Certainty

**How can you be certain that I love you?** The answer to that question seems quite clear to me. You sent your one and only Son into the world to die for my sins. Who would do such a thing, no one that I know on this earth. It had to have taken desperate circumstances for you to make that drastic choice. **Well, you were living far from me in a dark sin filled life. You were on a path headed away from me to an eternity without me. Is there any situation more drastic than that?** No, I'm sure that no circumstance could be more drastic than that.

**Why was it absolutely necessary for me to send my Son into the world for you?** There was no other way to erase the stain of my sin. My sin separated me from you. We could not live in a relationship together. There was nothing that I could do to erase my sin. I couldn't earn your forgiveness. No matter how hard I would try to live a good life I would never be pure in your sight. You are Holy and I was not. It took your Son's blood shed on the cross to wash away my sins so I could be forgiven and cleansed of all my unrighteousness. **Yes, it did. Now, you are holy in my sight because of all that my Son has done for you. Now, we can live in a relationship together.** For that I am so thankful.

**Lets talk about believing. For quite awhile you believed all the important facts about my Son, didn't you?** Yes, I did. **Did you really believe in Him then?** You must have heard me say, "I believe everything about Jesus Christ but what difference does that make to me?" **Yes, I heard that.** At that time I didn't really believe in him. **Explain that.** Well, I certainly hadn't turned away from my sin. I didn't ask for or want forgiveness of my sins. I was enjoying my sin. **One day that all changed didn't it?** Yes, it did. I had to hit rock bottom before I was ready to turn away from my sin and ask for your Son's forgiveness and cleansing of my sin. **But, you did that.** Yes, I did.

**What has happened to your life since you began to follow my Son as your Savior and Lord?** Well, the whole course of my life has changed as a result. **How so?** I now want to follow Him. **What's that mean?** I want to go where He guides me to do all that He asks of me. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I'm living my life according to your will instead of my own. It is my joy to serve you. It is my desire to know you. I love you with all my heart and mind and soul. I know for sure that you are my Father and I am your child. **Yes, you are.** I am certain that I have already started to live the eternal life that I have in you. **Yes, you have.**

*Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me and sending your Son into the world to die for my sins. I believe in Jesus Christ and I'm following Him as my Savior and Lord. I look forward to the day when I will live in heaven with you. Amen*

**Love** *God So Loved*

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

NIV John 3:16-18

**Love** *God Loved*

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

NLT John 3:16-18

**Love** *God So Loved*

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

NRSV John 3:16-18

**Love** *God So Greatly Loved*

For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life. For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him. He who believes in Him [who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him] is not judged [he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation—he incurs no damnation]; but he who does not believe (cleave to, rely on, trust in Him) is judged already [he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence] because he has not believed in and trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ's name.]

AMP John 3:16-18

**Love** *God So Loved*

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

NASB John 3:16-18

**Love** *God So Loved*

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

ESV John 3:16-18

**Love** *God So Loved*

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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

NKJV John 3:16-18

**Love** *God Loved*

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.

MSG John 3:16-18

**Love** *God Loved*

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. "There is no eternal doom awaiting those who trust him to save them. But those who don't trust him have already been tried and condemned for not believing in the only Son of God.

TLB John 3:16-18

**Love** *God Loved*

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him. People who believe in God's Son are not judged guilty. Those who do not believe have already been judged guilty, because they have not believed in God's one and only Son.

NCV John 3:16-18

# For God So Loved

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

Love – John 3:16-18

**In Context:** *Read John 3*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me and sending your Son into the world to die for my sins. I believe in Jesus Christ and I'm following Him as my Savior and Lord. I look forward to the day when I will live in heaven with you. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What evidence is there that God really does love you?

**Why was it necessary for God to send His Son into the world to die on the cross?**

What price was God willing to pay so that you would be able to live in heaven forever with Him?

**Why is merely believing the facts about Jesus Christ not the same as believing in Him?**

How did you come to believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

**How has believing in Jesus Christ changed the entire course of your life?**

How can you be sure that you have been forgiven and will never be condemned for your sins?

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Believe in Jesus Christ and receive forgiveness and cleansing of all your sins so you can live forever in heaven with Him.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that by believing in Jesus Christ you will be forgiven of your sins and be able to live forever in Heaven.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you came to believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as your Savior and Lord.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Heavenly Father, thank you for helping me to come to believe in and follow your Son as my Savior and Lord.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I follow you as my Savior and Lord today?*

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