### John 3:16

#### The Wonderful and Challenging Love of God

#### John 3:16 God's Love is All-Encompassing

- God loves the world Jn. 3:16
- God's love is extended to everyone Titus 2:11; 2 Pet. 3:9
- The lovely, unlovable, hateful, lonely, lover of God, rejecter of God—ALL are loved by God.

#### John 3:16 The Depth of God's Love

- Paul speaks of God's "great love with which He loved us" – Eph. 2:4
- He was willing to give His only begotten Son for us! – Phil. 2:5-9
- If God did not spare His Son, He will not withhold any good from us – Rom. 8:32
- God loves us with the same love that He loves His son – Jn. 17:23

#### John 3:16 The Proof of God's Love

- God's love for us is a demonstrated love – Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 Jn. 4:9-10
- If God gave His Son to die for sinners, we should not doubt His love for us.

## Christ is proof positive of God's love!

#### John 3:16 The Nature of God's Love

- God is love 1 Jn. 4:8, 16
- God's love is sacrificial Jn. 3:16; Rev. 1:5; Rom. 5:6-8
- God's love is sympathetic Psa. 103:10-14; Heb. 4:15
- God's love satisfies...
  - Our physical needs Acts 14:17; Matt. 6:31-33
  - Our spiritual needs Psa. 107:8-9; Rom. 15:13;
    Phil. 4:19

### **God's Love Challenges Us!**

#### **Because God Loves...**

- To truly know God is to love others 1 Jn. 4:7-8, 11; Jn. 15:12
- Our love must be as wide as the world.
  - We must love our enemies Matt. 5:43-46
  - We must love our neighbors Matt. 22:39
  - We must love our brethren in Christ 1 Jn.
    4:21

#### **Because God Loves...**

- Our love must be demonstrated 1 Jn.
  3:16-18; 2 Cor. 8:24
- It must be proven by action Jas. 2:15-16

# Love without action profits nothing.