

THE GREATEST VERSE IN THE BIBLE

John 3:16

Part 2

12 Reasons Why John 3:16 is the Greatest Verse in the Bible

1. Probably the most familiar REFERENCE in the BIBLE.

REASON #1 - THE GREATEST BEING - "For God"

1. *Psalm 19:1*

2. *Psalm 147:4*

REASON #2 - THE GREATEST REASON - "so loved"

1. *Ephesians 4:17-19*

REASON #3 - THE GREATEST NEED - "the World"

1. Not talking about dirt - but people.

2. *2 Peter 3:9*

2. This morning 4 more reasons why John3:16 is the greatest verse in the BIBLE.

REASON #4 - THE GREATEST ACT - "That He Gave"

1. **John 3:16**

a) "For God so loved the world that **HE GAVE**"

2. The greatest act in all of history is that **GOD GAVE**.

3. "For **GOD**" "so **LOVED**" (Action), "the **WORLD**" "that He **GAVE**"

4. The love of God - "**agape**" - is benevolent love.

a) It is God's **willful direction** toward man.

5. God cannot just love emotionally and not give something.

a) "For God so loved the world, that He **GAVE**"

b) **I Corinthians 13**

1) **KJV** - "Love" = charity

6. **VERY, VERY IMPORTANT** - But God's love cannot sweep man's problem under the rug.

a) **Romans 3:23**

- b) God is **HOLY!!!**
 - 1) **1 John 1:5**

7. Galatians 5:22-23

8. **WOW!!!** It is so easy to see sin in this wretched world.

- a) **BUT DO WE SEE IT IN THE MIRROR???**

9. **GOOD** - At the end of the day **John 3:16** is a personal verse!!!

- a) AND the benefits are not yours without personal understanding of personal sin in your life.

- b) **James 2:10**

10. **"Well I haven't murdered anybody."**

- a) **Matthew 5:21-24**

REASON #5 - THE GREATEST SACRIFICE - "His Only Son"

1. **John 3:16**

- a) *"His only Son"*

2. The God of the Bible is Triune. A Trinity.

- a) God the Father - Creator
- b) God the Son - Redeemer
- c) God the Holy Spirit - Convicter/Comforter

3. And it was this God who stepped into time to solve the problem.

4. Why would God do that? Punish the ones who deserve it?

- a) Because there was no other way!!!

- 1) **ONLY God could pay for the sins of the whole WORLD!!!**

- b) **Matthew 27:45-46**

REASON #6 - THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY - "that whosoever"

1. **RIGHT NOW** - where you sit....You have the greatest opportunity to have all your sins forgiven forever; for all of eternity.

2. **"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

REASON #7 - THE GREATEST RESPONSE - "Believes"

1. A response required!!!

- a) It is NOT enough to simply know the FACTs of the Gospel.
- b) There must be a POSITIVE response.
 - 1) Some respond with disinterest.
 - 2) Some with debate and argument.
 - 3) Some with skepticism.

2. **Biblical Belief:** Intellect, Emotion and Will

3. **WOW!!!!** The reason you don't share the Gospel with others is because you yourself don't understand the Gospel.

- a) **John 3:16**
- b) **Ephesians 4:32**

4. How many believe that Jesus is the only way to Heaven?

- a) How many share that AWESOME MESSAGE!!!
 - 1) **John 14:6**
 - 2) **Romans 1:16**