

## John 3:16 - Week 2, Daily Devotions

### ☐ Monday - God's Motive for His Greatest Gift.

John 3:16

People give gifts on special occasions like birthdays and Christmas, or as a house warming gift, or for many other reasons, or even out of a sense of obligation, without any sentimentality attached to it at all. Sometimes we don't know what a person's motive is for giving a gift. But John 3:16 expressly tells us the motive for the God's gift of His Son; that is, His love. Our text says, "For God so *loved* the world, that He gave His only begotten Son". And elsewhere we read that God's love comes in no small measure. Scripture proclaims, "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him" (Psa. 103:11); and again, "The lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him (Psa. 103:17).  
Read Romans 8:35-39

### ☐ Tuesday - The Cost of Our Salvation.

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Sin is anarchy; it is cosmic treason! Sin is pushing Christ off the throne of your heart and saying, "I will reign and rule over the affairs of my life". The penalty for even one sin is *eternal* damnation (Rom. 6:23). What possible redemption price could be paid for all of the sins, of all of God's people, of all time? The cost is incalculable. Only man can pay man's debt, but only God can pay an infinite deficit. There is only one who could do it: Christ, the God/man. Our text says, "For God so loved the world, that *He gave His only begotten Son*, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16, KJV). Christian, "You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:18-19). "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" (Heb. 2:3). Read Romans 5:8-11

### ☐ Wednesday - The Only Begotten Son.

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The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). But in what respect was/is Christ *begotten*? Does the term "begotten" refer to Christ's immaculate conception or virgin birth? No, the Greek word *monogenus* used here refers not to time but essence. It means that the Son is of the same eternal essence as God the Father. Therefore, the term is actually a declaration of Christ's deity and eternal coexistence within the Trinity. Whereas believers are adopted sons and daughters (Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5), Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son, because He is God, of the same divine essence as the Father. And what should be our response to this wonderful truth, but to render unbridled praise to Him who did not spare His only Son, but delivered Him up for us all (Rom. 8:32).  
Read John 1:1-2, 14, 18

### ☐ Thursday - Christ's Willing Sacrifice.

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The path that Jesus took during His three year ministry that led to the cross was not forced or coerced. Jesus said, "No one takes my life away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative" (Jn. 10:18). His life's purpose was not to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many (Mt. 20:28). He did not have to be humbled, rather "He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). And though the cross was terrible beyond belief (Mt. 26:39), yet "for the joy set before Him" He endured (Heb. 12:2). O what a Savior! Thankyou Jesus for laying down Your life for the sheep. Help us, dear Lord, to live in sacrifice for You, just as you died in sacrifice for us. Read Heb. 12:1-2, Matt. 16:24, 1 Cor. 15:31

### ☐ Friday - What Must I Do?

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What must I do to merit so great a salvation? What works must I do? Dear friend, the work has already been done. The debt has been payed. Jesus payed it all (Jn. 19:30). You have but to believe and receive, for it says, "As many as *received* Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God" (Jn. 1:12).  
Read Romans 6:23