



Series: *THE GIFT!*

GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

John 3:16 KJV

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INTRODUCTION

God's greatest gift to man is His Son Jesus.

With that gift of His Son came the greatest **purpose** given by God.

John 3:16 is Christ explaining to Nicodemus His purpose, why He was sent, and what it takes to make it to happen.

- Nicodemus, being a master of Israel, should know these things.
- Jesus begins to explain the importance of being born again.
- Nicodemus still was not understanding.
- So, Jesus began to break down the whole Gospel in one verse.

God manifested His love for the world by giving us His only Son.

Our response ==> Belief in the Son in order to be saved.

Jesus made it clear to Nicodemus what he must do to be saved.

God has given **us** the greatest gift ever given to man.

Now **we** have a choice to accept the gift or reject it.

There is no grey area, God makes His plan through the purpose of Christ very clear.

John 3:16 KJV

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.

Inclusive words: world, whosoever

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR GIVING US THE GIFT:

1) TO _____ GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU

A) God Loves You (period)

"For God so loved the world"

- † 1 John 4:9-10 KJV
- † 1 John 3:1 KJV
- † Romans 5:8 KJV
- † Ephesians 2:4-5 KJV
- † Galatians 2:20 KJV
- † Jeremiah 31:3 KJV
- † Zephaniah 3:17 KJV

B) God's Love Established in The Son

"He gave his only begotten son"

Gave - Freely transfer the possession of something or someone to someone, hand over to

Begotten - only born, sole

Sole - One and only

Foreshadowing of God "giving" His only begotten Son

– the story of Abraham "offering" his only begotten son

- † Hebrews 11:17 KJV
- † Genesis 22:6 KJV - The Cross
- † Genesis 22:8 KJV - Jesus the Lamb
- † Genesis 15:3 KJV

C) A Few Important Roles of a Son in Abraham's Time

- † Inheritance
 - † Covenant promises
 - † Redemption
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2) TO HAVE _____ IN HIM

“that whosoever believeth in him”

Believeth - *to have faith in, entrust*

Entrust - *assign the responsibility for doing something to someone*

A) It's Not Just Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement - *Acceptance of the Truth or existing of something*

† James 2:17 KJV

† James 2:19 KJV

† Luke 4:41 KJV

B) Belief/Faith Causes Us to Move

It's a verb, an action word

Acknowledgement is a noun.

It's the beginning of belief but not what keeps you.

† Matthew 15:8 KJV

† Titus 1:16 KJV

Profess - *to assent to acknowledge*

† Romans 10:9 KJV

3) TO _____ YOUR LIFE

“Shall not perish but have everlasting life”

Perish - *to destroy fully, die*

Destroy - *put an end to the existence of something by damaging or attacking it*

Everlasting - *perpetual, eternal*

Perpetual - *never ending or changing*

Eternal - *Lasting or existing forever*

† John 10:9-11 KJV

† 1 John 3:8 KJV
