

God's Love: His Choice For Your Best!

"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." (John 3:16)

## God's Choice - "God so loved"

Od has made a choice! He has chosen to love you. He has selected you as His special object. This love was not forced out of Him. It was His free choice. But what kind of love is it? God so loved! His love is measureless. His love has no limit. His love is perfect.

## God's Object - "The world"

But who is it that he loves? **The World** - Every human being that has ever lived or will ever live on this earth. It does not matter who you are or what you have done. Neither your feelings nor your circumstances matter. He is reaching out to you with His love. He really loves you.

We sometimes look around and wonder who we really are. But neither colour, class, creed, culture, nor any other distinction, makes any difference to God. Nor are all our failures, faults, feebleness and folly able to exclude us from His love.

But you may say, I have rejected God in the past and I have rebelled against His absolute standards. I have refused His love and grace, again and again. Listen! No matter the sin, the evil, the wilfulness or the unrighteousness in our lives, God still loves us very much.

God's Gift - "He gave His only -begotten Son"
But how can I be sure that He loves me? What did God do to demonstrate His love for me? God gave His Son. The Lord Jesus has always been supremely special to God the Father. This special relationship between them has always been enjoyed perfectly. Love at its best has been their eternal mutual delight. But let's face it, as God looked at

us, He could see no such relationship with us. The receiving and returning of His love was not there. God could have accepted the distance and caused us to suffer the ultimate consequence of our attitude and actions. But no! He chose to do something that could bring about a happy relationship between Himself and us. **He sent His Son.** 

The Lord Jesus came to reach us. He came to suffer for us, and to accept complete responsibility for all our sins and sinfulness. On the cross, He bore the just consequences for all that was lacking in me. God's love desired the best for me and was willing to pay the full price. Love made the supreme sacrifice in giving all that it could. God gave Himself in the person of His Son, who became a man. The Lord Jesus gave all that He could, He gave His life. God the Father and God the Son held nothing back in seeking to show how much they love us.

## Your Choice - "Whoever be lieves in Him"

God gave His Son that **we might believe His love for us.** He chose to reach out to us in the greatest possible expression of love for our best. He perfectly demonstrated the love that was in His heart. **His desire now is that we accept His love**. He wants us to believe in His Son. He wants us to accept His Son as that expression of love.

Am I willing to believe that God loves me no matter what? Am I willing to receive His love and to have full confidence in His love for me? God wants me to accept His love with all that His love desires for me. True

love always seeks the best for the one it loves. However, love leaves it entirely up to the one it loves, to accept that love and to return it. **God has left the choice to us.** 

Will you receive His gift of love? He wants you to allow His love to ever embrace you. He wants you to allow Him to claim you as His very own and to fulfil all His desires for you. That desire is that you might have everlasting life - life at its very best and eternally enjoyed. He chose to express his love perfectly. Now He wants you to choose to enjoy His love permanently.

No Choice - "Perish"

To refuse His love is to refuse the very best that God could offer you. It is to reject His goodness, grace and love. It is to walk away from His forgiveness and to prefer to face all the righteous consequences of your sin and sins. It is to choose an eternal distance between yourself and God. It is to choose utter ruin. It is to perish. In this you leave God with no choice.

Your greatest sin would be to refuse God's offer of love and choose to face His judgement and damnation. Turn to Him now and tell Him that you accept His love with all that it desires. His love wants you to turn from all that is unlike His mind. This is repentance. His love wants you by faith to accept His eternal fellowship of love. **Accept it Now!** 

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