





**THE  
SIMPLICITY  
OF  
SALVATION**

**JOHN 3:16**

**OVERTHINKING**

**STUBBORNNESS**

## **John 3:16**

**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.**

**Salvation is an act of God**

# **I. Salvation Begins With God's Love**

**“For God so loved the world”**

## **A. He beat us to love**

**1 John 4:10**

**Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

## **B. He loves us in spite of ourselves**

**Romans 5:8**

**But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

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**“For God so loved the world”**

## **C. His love is all encompassing**

- 1. It begins at the cross and extends to the world**
- 2. God's love is available to every sinner**

**1 John 2:2**

**And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

# **I. Salvation Begins With God's Love**

**“For God so loved the world”**

**D. This message must flow from our church to the community**

**1. By example**

**Ephesians 5:2**

**And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**

**2. In expression**

**1 John 4:21**

**And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.**

## **II. Salvation Rests On The Price Paid by God's Son**

**“He gave his only begotten Son”**

**A. This is proof of God's love**

**B. Imagine how this great news affected Nicodemus**

**What did he learn?**

**Romans 8:3**

**For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

## **II. Salvation Rests On The Price Paid by God's Son**

**“He gave his only begotten Son”**

**C. The cross guarantees salvation to all who respond to God's call**

**Romans 3:24-25**

**24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

**25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;**

### **III. Salvation Is Attained By Faith Alone**

**“that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”**

**A. Those who believe in Christ will not perish**

**1 John 5:11**

**And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**

**B. Nicodemus knew nothing of this kind of assurance**

**John 3:10**

**Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?**

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**C. What great relief this must have been for Nicodemus?**

**The same salvation is available to every sinner today**

WHAT WILL WE DO  
WITH THIS MESSAGE  
OF GOD'S LOVE?