

III. THE _____ OF LOVE IS THE WORLD

The promise of loving provides for the greatest audience.

“The love of God is one of the great realities of the universe, a pillar upon which the hope of the world rests. But it is a personal, intimate thing, too. God does not love populations, He loves people. He loves not masses, but men. He loves us all with a mighty love that has no beginning and can have no end.”

--The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer

A. God’s love is _____.

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

I John 2:2

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

II Peter 3:9

“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

I Timothy 2:4

B. God’s love is _____.

*“17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”*

Ephesians 3:17-19

CONCLUSION:

The twenty-five words of John 3:16 begins with God and ends with life and through it we find hope.

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” II Corinthians 9:15

THE PROMISES OF CHRISTMAS

The Promise Of Loving

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INTRODUCTION

A. The Christmas season is a time of loving, giving, believing, and living. Something supernatural happens each year where this spirit enters into the hearts of many. This spirit began with God. Once upon a Christmas time, God loved the world so much that He sent his one and only Son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. This great promise is found in John 3:16. Discover this Christmas the gift that God gave to you.

“21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

Matthew 1:21-23

B. This teaching series will show you how to experience the promises that God gave you through the gift of His son Jesus Christ.

Dec 4 The Promise Of Loving

Dec 11 The Promise Of Giving

Dec 18 The Promise Of Believing

Dec 25 The Promise Of Living

C. **TEXT:** John 3:16 (Pew Bible/Page 96/New Testament)

THE PROMISE OF LOVING

I. THE _____ OF LOVE IS GOD

The promise of loving comes from the greatest lover.

“God loves us not because we are lovable, but because He is love.”
--C.S. Lewis

A. There is no _____ to His love.

“7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

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.”
I John 4:7-10

“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,”
Isaiah 46:9

B. There is no _____ to His love.

“35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 8:35-39

II. THE _____ OF LOVE IS SO LOVED

The promise of loving extends to the greatest degree.

“There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.”

--Philip Yancey

A. His love was _____.

“We love him, because he first loved us.” I John 4:19

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
Isaiah 53:6

B. His love was _____.

“5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:5-8

“4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)”

Ephesians 2:4-5