

The Best News in the Whole World!

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Outline

- The Greatest **Love** ever Expressed.
 - “For God so loved the world”
- The Greatest **Gift** ever Given.
 - “that he gave his only begotten Son”
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 - “that whosoever believeth in him”
- The Greatest **Results** ever Hoped for.
 - “should not perish, but have everlasting life”

The Greatest **Love** ever Expressed.

- **“For God so loved the world”**
 - “the world” – primarily people; secondarily His creation.
 - Why does God love? - 1 John 4:8,16 – it is His nature to love.
 - **Psalms 89:14** says, "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before Thee" (NASV).

The Greatest **Gift** ever Given.

- **“that he gave his only begotten Son”**
 - God’s love is self-sacrificing.
 - God’s love is others-oriented.
 - God gave His greatest treasure – His Son.
 - “gave” – speaking of Jesus’ birth, life, death, and resurrection.
 - **Romans 5:6,8**—*Christ died for the ungodly...for sinners*

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- **“that he gave his only begotten Son”**
 - ^{ESV} **Romans 8:32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
 - ^{ESV} **2 Peter 1:3** His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

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- **“that whosoever believeth in him”**
 - God’s love embraces all people – the “world”
 - The requirement: “believes in Jesus”
 - Hebrew 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that **he is a rewarded of them that diligently seek him.**
 - Believe what He SAYS
 - Obey what He REQUIRES
 - Trust in and Rest on what He PROMISES

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- **“that whosoever believeth in him”**
 - **1 Timothy 4:10**—“He is the Savior of all men—especially those who believe.”
 - This verse says: Jesus’ work on the cross is **sufficient** for all (provisionally – there is no excluded from His provision), and it is **efficient** for (applicable, actually saves) only those who believe.
 - **2 Peter 3:9**—“Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

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- **“that whosoever believeth in him”**
 - **1 Timothy 2:3-4**—“who will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth”
 - God wants everyone to be saved.
 - **1 John 4:14-15**—The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the whole world.

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- **“should not perish, but have everlasting life”**
 - There are only two options after death.
 - **Romans 6:23**—*Wages of sin is death*—**spiritual death** = separation from a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ (see John 17:3 for a definition of spiritual life).
 - ^{NIV} **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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