

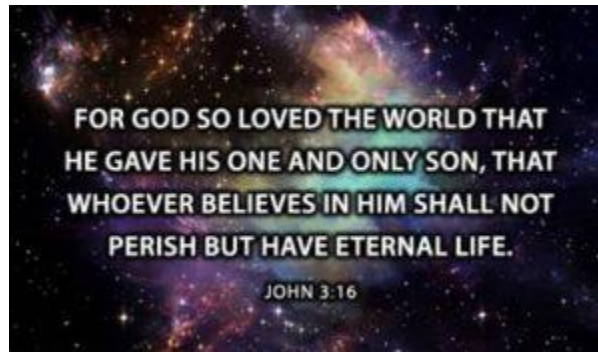
# Back to the Father

## Your Journey

*Journey of Studies*

*Study on Love*

### God's Love for Us - Part 2



John 3:16-17 For God so **loved** the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him. WEB

- In the Greek the tense of the verb loved points to a specific action in the past; that is the giving of his Son to redeem man that they may not be judged.
- Seeing that the price for the forgiveness of sin was the death of a perfect obedient sinless man and Jesus the Christ the Son of God was the only man that qualified. Rom 5:15-21
- The willingness of God to allow his only begotten son that was in perfect fellowship with him to suffer for our sake shows us the greatness of his love. Mt 3:17;17:5; Col 1:12,14;; Isa 52:1-12

1 Peter 3:18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he **might bring you to God**; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; Eph 2:11-22 WEB

Rom 5:6-8 For while we were yet weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man. Yet perhaps for a righteous person someone would

even dare to die. 8 But **God commends his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** WEB

- In Greek the verb commends appears in the present tense, which is to indicate for the readers that God's love for us is not limited to the past but has its relevance for the present as well.

Rom 8:38,39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the **love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. WEB

- The phrase "the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" conveys little, if any, meaning to the English reader in this form. This love of God through Christ Jesus may be expressed in some languages as "God's love which he has shown by means of Christ Jesus our Lord," "God's love which we experience because of Christ Jesus our Lord," or "God's love which Jesus Christ our Lord has caused us to experience." UBS Handbook Series

Eph 2:1-7 You were made alive when you were dead in transgressions and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the powers of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience; 3 among whom we also all once lived in the lust of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus; WEB

- For is "dia" in Greek means through or on the account of his great love.
- The Greek "his great love with which he loved us" is emphatic, the writer using both the noun and the verb.

Titus 3:4-7 But when the kindness of God our Savior and his **love** toward mankind appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 which he poured out on us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior; 7 that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. WEB

- V 4 His love toward man, The philanthropy of God our Saviour." love of mankind
- In the Old Testament God used Joshua to save his people physically from their oppressors and in the New Testament he used Jesus the Christ to save us spiritually from the bondage of our oppressor which is sin and death.

John 16:25-27 I have spoken these things to you in figures of speech. But the time is coming when I will no more speak to you in figures of speech, but will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name; and I don't say to you, that I will pray to the Father for you, 27for the **Father himself loves you**, because you have **loved** me, and have believed that I came forth from God. WEB

- V 27 The Father loves the disciples. Therefore Jesus will not have to petition him in their behalf. The Greek verb used here for love is phileoo.
- Ye have loved me pefileekate (NT:5368). Perfect active indicative of fileoo (NT:5368), "loved and still love me warmly." Robertson's Word Pictures in the New Testament

Heb 12:4-6 You have not yet resisted to blood, striving against sin; 5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which reasons with you as with children, "My son, don't take lightly the chastening of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reprov'd by him; 6 For **whom the Lord loves**, he chastens, And scourges every son whom he receives." WEB

- Because we are his children he cares about our lives.

Eph 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ; 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and without blemish before him in love; 5 having predestined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his desire, 6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, by which he freely bestowed favor on us in the Beloved, WEB

- v. 4 In love. Join with "foreordained," Eph 1:5. "Having in love foreordained."
- God has had a plan for our lives from the very beginning of creation and is working in our lives to bring it about.
- v. 6 The beloved. Christ. Beloved "par excellence." Compare "the Son of His love," Col 1:13; also Matt 3:17; 17:5. Vincent'

1 John 3:1-3 Behold, how **great a love** the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! For this cause the world doesn't know us because it didn't know him.

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it is not yet revealed what we will be. But we know that, when he is revealed, we will be like him; for we will see him just as he is.  
3 Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure. WEB

- His glorious and wonderful love is seen in that we are called his children and as children we are to be a reflection of who he is.

John 17:22-26 The glory which you have given me, I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one; 23 I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that you sent me, and loved them, even as you loved me.

- God's great love for us is seen in the great love he has for his son.

24 Father, I desire that they also whom you have given me be with me where I am, that they may see my glory, which you have given me, for loved me before the foundation of the world.

- The Father glorified the Son because of the love he has for him and we will be glorified in him.

25 Righteous Father, the world hasn't known you, but I knew you; and these knew that you sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and will make it known; that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them." WEB

- v. 26 In Greek the last clause of this verse reads "in order that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them." TEV renders "the love with which you loved me" as the love you have for me, and it supplies the verb may be in the clause "and I in them." To avoid the idea of one person being in another person, GeCL translates "the love which you have for me must also fill them, and I will work in them." UBS Handbook Series

If you are not sure of anything else, you can be sure of this that you are totally and fully loved by God. So let us let him be our Father and let us truly be his sons in all we do and say that we may glorify him.