

Love

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Sunday morning service

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FihSyAikRY>

"You'll never find another love like Mine."

In this clip we can see that love was about what you could get out of the relationship.

The world tells us that we have found love when we find someone who:

- makes us feel special.
- makes our days brighter.
- meets our needs, and realizes how special we are.

The world's idea of love is completely self-centred.

Worldly love is about power, control, manipulation and greed.

Worldly love is "self-absorbed".

Worldly love makes us debate who our "true self" is.

- Instead of honouring who we genuinely are, we are moulded, shaped, and manipulated into becoming a useful vessel to cater to our partner's needs and desires.

In worldly love, we are punished for when we are not pleasing or complying.

- We all have shortcomings and we all make mistakes. Consequently, we all need space for grace and compassion in our lives.

Worldly love is selfish.

- We are needed more than we need.





We become more whole without this relationship.

Counterfeit love is toxic in nature.

- It's charming on the outside, and rotten on the inside.

The root of the world's counterfeit love is sin.

- Based on the idea that the hole in one's life can be filled by oneself,
- or by receiving love from another human being.
- When they fail, we experience pain.

FOR **GOD**  **LOVED**
 the W·O·R·L·D,
 that **HE** gave
 **HIS** ^{ONLY} _{begotten} **SON**; 
 that ^{WHOEVER} **BELIEVETH**  **HIM**,
 should **NOT PERISH**,
 but have everlasting **LIFE**
 John 3:16

For God so loved...

The first thing that John 3:16 teaches us, is God's love...

- The reason why "God so loved" is because God Himself is love.

1 John 4:7-10

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins"

- ❖ Mercy is God's forgiving love.
- ❖ Grace is God's undeserved love.
- ❖ Peace is God's comforting love.
- ❖ The will of God is God's unerring (accurate) love.
- ❖ Providence (protective care) is God's caring love.
- ❖ The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's proven love.
- ❖ Sanctification is God's nurturing love.
- ❖ Heaven is God's rewarding love.
- ❖ Eternity is God's unending love.
- ❖ The Universe is God's scope of love.

The object of God's love, for it says: "For God so loved the world."

- This means that God loves you and me.
- It doesn't matter who you are, God loves you.
- It doesn't matter where you are.
- It doesn't matter what you have done in your past or in your life, God loves you.

You are the object of God's love. He loves you with an everlasting love.

I am who You say I am...

I am

- a child of God.
- Forgiven.
- Redeemed from the curse of the law.
- A new creation.
- Blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places.
- Strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
- Not moved by what I see.
- Observing and doing the Lord's commandments.

That He gave His only begotten Son...

The Infinite Worth of the Gift

- It is bad manners to give a gift to someone and leave the price tag on it.
- This is exactly what God did when He gave us His Son, Jesus Christ.
- God wanted us to know what it cost Him to purchase our salvation.

What is the ultimate sacrifice of God's love?

- It is Jesus Christ dying for the sins of the world.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

God's love is so different to the worldly love...

- Worldly love is about power, control, manipulation, and greed.
- Worldly love is "self-absorbed".
- Worldly love is selfish.

What would you sacrifice ?

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but shall have ever lasting life.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.

- And who is the recipient of the gift of God's love?
- It is for everyone.

I am the way, the truth and the life.

One way, Jesus.

To be saved and receive eternal life:

- We must believe in the only begotten Son of God, which is Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- He died on the cross for our sins and He rose again from the dead with all power in His hands.
- If we repent and believe and receive Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour, you shall be saved.

The fundamental point of John 3:16 is...

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Questions to be discussed in Care Group:

What is the fundamental point of John 3:16?

Why is it that so many unsaved people live as if there's no God, but quickly claim God still loves them?

Why do so many God fearing and committed followers of Jesus Christ question God's love for them?