

God's Overwhelming Love

What exactly does the Bible tell us of God's love? **John 3:16**

Let's never forget how God gave His one and only son. Jesus was crucified on a cross.

For Jesus, the cross meant rejection, suffering, and sacrifice.

With the cross in mind, we come to the heart of what we know about God's love.

I. GOD'S LOVE IS INCLUSIVE **John 3:16a**

A. The inclusive nature of God's love was not an after-thought.

God never chose whom He would love and whom He would not.

He loved us before we were as well as afterward.

B. The inclusive nature of God's love prohibits it from being selective.

He is righteous and just.

II. GOD'S LOVE IS EXCLUSIVE **John 3:16b**

A. No one has ever loved as God has loved.

In the face of rejection, In the face of hatred, In the face of unbelief - He loved.

His love transcends our evil nature and ways, and He keeps on loving us.

B. No one has ever loved more deeply.

He gave His son for whoever.

C. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit-

all three-held nothing back in order to save those who would believe.

As we observe this ordinance memorializing the death of Jesus Christ;
we are actually proclaiming the fact of his redemptive death on the cross.

III. THE DEATH OF JESUS REVEALS THE AWFULNESS OF SIN. **1 Cor.15:3**

The Scriptures declare that our sins were the reason for the death of Jesus Christ.

The Cross Confronts us with the Fact that:

Each of us IS A Sinner in Need of God's Forgiveness!

IV. THE DEATH OF JESUS REVEALS THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S LOVE.

It was divine love that conceived the plan by which we could be saved.

As we partake of the Lord's Supper,

we are proclaiming the greatness of God's love for ourselves and others.

V. IN PROCLAIMING JESUS' DEATH, WE ANNOUNCE THE ONLY WAY OF SALVATION. **Acts 4: 12**

There was no other way to pay the price of sin.

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Only Jesus could unlock the door of heaven and let us in.

Our Lord died because the wages of sin is death.

Either we must die for our own sins, or

we must accept the perfect substitute that God has offered us in Jesus Christ.

Let us proclaim His Death by observing this ordinance together.