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MORNING MESSAGE

“The Bible’s Greatest Text”

John 3:16

- I. IT RECORDS THE CAUSE OF SALVATION – “For God so loved the world”
  - A. “God” is a reference to the God of scripture
  - B. “Love” is a reference the God’s character and motivation
    - 1. 1 John 4:8, “God is love”
  - C. “World” is a description of all humanity
    - 1. Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”
    - 2. Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death”
- II. IT RECORDS THE COST OF SALVATION – “that he gave his only begotten Son”
  - A. “Gave” reminds us that it is the nature of love to give
    - 1. Romans 5:8, “But God commendeth (demonstrated) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”
  - B. “Only begotten” describes the uniqueness of the gift
    - 1. This is the third time John has used the phrase (1:14, 18)
    - 2. John will use it again in 3:18
    - 3. It translates the Greek word “monogenes”; “mono” means only and “genes” means kind; Jesus is one of a kind
  - C. “Son” describes the third person of the Godhead
    - 1. Romans 8:32, “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all”
- III. IT RECORDS THE CONDITION OF SALVATION – “That whosoever believeth in him”
  - A. “Whosoever” means anyone and everyone
    - 1. It translates the Greek word “pas” that is found 1228 times in scripture and can be translated “all”
  - B. “Believeth” means to trust in
    - 1. John 20:31, “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name”
  - C. “Him” describes the object of our belief
    - 1. “Him” is Jesus
    - 2. Acts 4:12, “there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”
- IV. IT RECORDS THE CONSEQUENCES OF SALVATION – “should not perish, but have everlasting life”
  - A. First, you will not perish
    - 1. “Perish” describes the final condition of those who refuse to believe
    - 2. According to 1 Corinthians 1:18 those who have not believed are already perishing, “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness”
    - 3. If they die without Christ, they will perish forever
    - 4. Those who believe in Jesus will not perish!
  - B. Second, you will have everlasting life
    - 1. “Everlasting life” is the life of God Himself; John uses it 17 times in his gospel