

Sunday School Lesson for the Month of April 2016

What the Bible Says About God's Love

(John 3:16-17)

Sunday, April 3, 2016

One of the great mysteries that people seek to understand is the love of God. Every definition fails to fully define it. John 3:16-17 overwhelms us with its meaning. We wonder why God would love a world that is in revolt against Him and why as an individual, God loves me.

Verse 16 is undoubtedly the most familiar and beloved verse in all of scripture. Yet its very familiarity can cause the profound truth it contains to be overlooked. God's motive for giving "His indescribable gift" of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 9:15) was that He loved the evil, sinful world of fallen humanity.

I. God loves you because you are His Creation.

The Bible tells us that people are a special creation of God. Although we do not know the method God used to create man, we do know that man did not just happen. Genesis 2:7 states, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

A. God loves you because he created you in His image.

This is not a physical image but a spiritual image.

God gave you:

- The power to think (Isaiah 1:18).
- The power to choose (Joshua 24:15).
- The power to love (Mark 12:30-31).
- The sense of right and wrong (James 1:13-14).

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B. God loves you because He created you to know Him.

Man is never complete until he knows God in a personal relationship through Jesus Christ. Because man was created to know God, God through love has revealed himself to man.

- To know Him through Jesus Christ. God chose for people to know Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus said during His earthly ministry, “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father” (John 14:9).
- To know Him through a study of the Bible. The Bible is God’s message to humans. By studying the Bible, we can know the nature, holiness, love, judgment, grace, work, and will of God.
- To know Him through observing nature. If we are willing to observe nature, we can know God better. The Psalmist said, “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork” (Ps. 19:1).

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II. God loves you because you need Him.

If you were to search the pages of history, both secular and biblical, you would discover fact after fact that proves that people cannot get along without God.

A. You need God to redeem you from sin.

No man is able to redeem himself from sin. Redemption is the work of God through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Apostle Peter said, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers: but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18-19).

- Your redemption cost God His Son (John 3:16).
- Your redemption cost Jesus Christ His life (Mark 10:45).
- Your redemption cost others their prayers, their time and sometimes their lives (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

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B. You need God to help you live for Him.

One of the privileges of being a Christian is the opportunity to make your life count for God. You cannot do this alone! You can only do this with the help of God the Father.

- God gives help for growing in spiritual knowledge (2 Peter 3:18).
- God gives help for effective Christian service (Phil. 4:13).
- God gives help for overcoming temptation (1 Cor. 10:13).

- God gives help for knowing and following His will (Rom. 12:1-2).
- God gives help for the loving of others (1 Thess. 3:12).
- God gives help for the meeting of life's needs. (Phil. 4:19).

You may never fully understand why God loves you. This fact should cause you to think about your responsibility to God. Where would you be if it were not for the wonderful love of God? Have you recently expressed your gratitude to God for His unwavering love?