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The Person of This Love

- The first thing we discover in this verse is the Person of this love.
- There is no Old Testament God and New Testament God, there is only one God.
- It is God's love that's spoken of in John 3:16.
- We diminish the character and the love of God when we put Him in an Old Testament box or a New Testament Box.



The Breadth of This Love

- God didn't just love part of the world; He loved the whole world.
 - The lovable and the unlovable.
 - The lonely and the lost.
 - Those who accept the love of God.
 - Those who reject the love of God.
- It is a love of broken-hearted grief, but it is love.



The Depth of This Love

- God loved the world so much, that He gave His one and only Son.
- Is there anyone for whom you would willingly sacrifice one of your children?
- God was willing to give up what meant more than His very existence.



The Acceptance of This Love

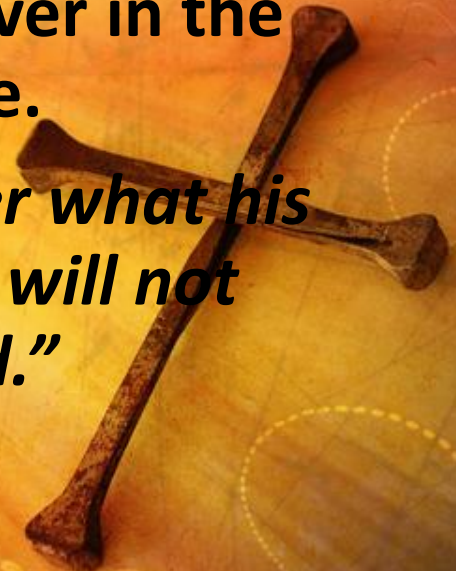
- If the verse simply said “everyone” instead of *whoever believes in him*, then it wouldn’t matter what you did, how you behaved, or what you believed.
- You cannot just say you believe if that belief has not had an impact on your life.
- God extends the invitation of His love to us, but it is up to us to accept the invitation.



The Results of The Love

- The person who believes will not perish.
 - You'll not be separated from God for the remainder of eternity.
- The person who believes is promised eternal life.
 - Not just living forever but living forever in the presence of the God, whom we serve.
- *"It is impossible for a believer, no matter what his experience, to keep right with God if he will not take the trouble to spend time with God."*

Oswald Chambers



Conclusion

- There is nothing in the Bible to indicate that Nicodemus either accepted or rejected the claim of Christ on his life.
- The question is not, “How did Nicodemus’ story end?” but, “How will your story end?”
- John 3:16, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

