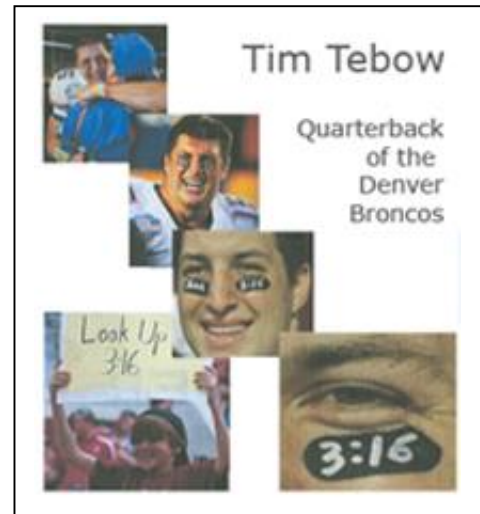


## The Greatest Single Verse in the Bible

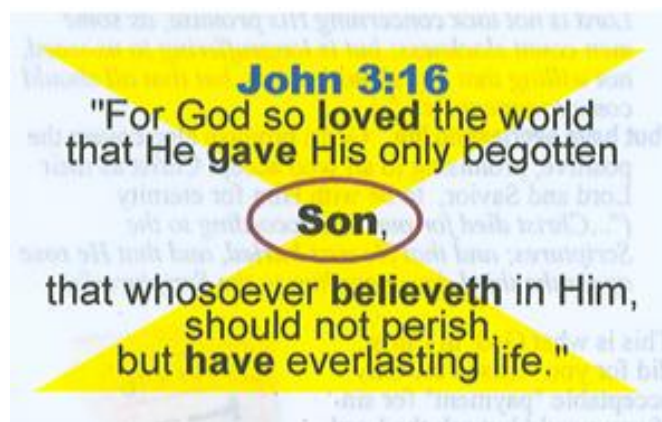


John 3:16 has a total of 25 words.

The **center** word is "Son".

The 12 words **before** the center word describe what **God** did ... and its results.

The 12 words **after** the center word describe what man must do ... and its results.



### Let's Look Up and Take a Look at John 3:16.

**For God ...** It was God who initiated this promise.

**so loved ...** This is the cause that produced His actions for us.

**1 John 4:8-10, 14-16** "... God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because

that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation [payment] for our sins. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love ..."

**the world ...** The object of His love is the people, not the planet.

**John 3:17** "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved".

**that He gave His only begotten Son ...** The proof of His love.

**Romans 5:8** "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

**1 John 3:16** "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us ..."

**that whosoever ...** For anybody and everybody.

**Romans 10:13** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**believeth in Him ...** Belief is acting in faith to what God has said and trusting in what God has done in His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. It is a personal acceptance of God's word and work in Christ to save us.

**John 3:18** "He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

**should not perish ...** God's promise covers the negative, promising to all who accept Christ as their Lord and Savior, not to be separated from Him eternally.

**2 Peter 3:9** "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

**but have everlasting life.** God's promise also covers the positive, promising to all who accept Christ as their Lord and Savior, to be with Him for eternity.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4** "... Christ **died** for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was **buried**, and that He **rose** again the third day according to the Scriptures."

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This is what God, in Christ, did for you. This is the only acceptable "payment" for sin. If you would but ask the Lord to be your Savior, He will save you for all eternity.