

## God SO Loved

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,--John 3:16*

This may be a familiar verse and you may have personalized it by inserting your name for "world," and "whosoever." We would affirm the fact that God loves us and sent His son so that we could have everlasting life.

How does it make you feel when someone loves you? Really loves you and shows you by their actions and words? Love lets us know that someone thinks we are special and it makes a difference in how we see ourselves.

Today I had a special gift from my little granddaughter, Shelby. She smiled and said, "love you Grandma." It brightened up my day to know that she thought I was special.

God thinks we are special. John 3:16 tells you that He SO loved you. The word "so" means, "to a great extent or degree." It means very, extremely, exceedingly, enormously, and tremendously. "So" indicates that God's loves us more than we could ever measure. Think about it. God loves you extremely, exceedingly, enormously, and tremendously. That is far greater than any human being could love us.

His love should have a confounding effect on you. It should change you. It should change the way you see yourself, others, and our Savior.

*"God really, really loves you! Yes, He does! Each page of the Bible is engraved with an invitation from Jesus to come and drink from the water of life freely (Revelation 21:6; 22:17). He signed it with His precious blood, sealed it with His perfect love, and delivered it straight to the very center of your heart."—Babbie Mason*