

## **“3:16”**

JOHN 3:9-18

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### **Introduction**

“The verse is an alphabet of grace, a table of contents to the Christian hope, each word a safe-deposit box of jewels. Read it again, slowly and aloud, and note the word that snatches your attention. **‘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.’**” (Max Lucado)

#### **1. The greatest love.**

**John 15:13** - *Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*

**Romans 8:38-39** - *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

#### **2. The greatest need.**

**Romans 3:23** – *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

#### **3. The greatest gift.**

**John 3:17** - *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

**Romans 5:8** - *But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

#### **4. The greatest invitation.**

**John 1:12** - *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

**Ephesians 2:8** - *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*

#### **5. The greatest rescue.**

**1 Corinthians 15:54-57** - *When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### **6. The greatest opportunity.**

**John 11:25-26** - *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

**John 6:47** – *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.*

#### **Conclusion:**

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