

Skegness Community Church
Weekly Bible Study 2025
52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know

Week 2

John Chapter 3 verse 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.”

In this passage we have the entire Gospel in a nutshell. It contains four main truths about Salvation:

Salvation’s Cause - Salvation’s Cost - Salvation’s Condition - Salvation’s Consequences

CAUSE: “For God so loved the world”

The motivating factor behind God’s redemptive plan for every man and woman is His LOVE for us. In Ephesians the Apostle Paul writes; “I pray that you, ... grasp how wide and long, and high and deep is the love of Christ” (Ephesians 3:18). This is about knowing God in the intimate relationship as that of Father and Child. God’s love for us is the motivating Cause of Salvation: “For God so loved the world”

COST: “that he gave his one and only Son”

Our Salvation, the free pardoning of our sin, and the promise of abundant and eternal life, did not come without cost. Jesus not only spoke of His own love for us, but “God demonstrated His own love towards us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

CONDITION: “that whoever believes in him.”

Many people think that their own good works are the pathway to eternal life. Not so, for it’s belief in God. To believe doesn’t mean to simply give agree intellectually to the claims of Christ. It means to transfer our trust to Him alone for Salvation. “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved”. (Acts 16:31)

CONSEQUENCES: “shall not perish but have eternal life”

What a consequence! What a promise! Those without Christ are perishing, but those in Christ have the eternal promise of “everlasting life”. This everlasting life comes not from our own human efforts, morals, or good deeds, but the promise is to those who realise that God’s love reaches down to us. This passage can be summed up as follows:

“For God” ----- the greatest lover
“so loved” ----- the greatest degree
“the world” ----- the greatest company
“that He gave” ----- the greatest act
“His one and only Son” ----- the greatest gift
“that whoever” ----- the greatest opportunity
“believes” ----- the greatest simplicity
“in Him” ----- the greatest attraction
“shall not perish” ----- the greatest promise
“but” ----- the greatest difference
“have” --- the greatest certainty
“eternal life” ----- the greatest possession

As you memorise this verse, meditate on the fact that love is always something you do and remember that God so loved the world that he **gave**.
YES God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life