

# GOD'S HEART

## JOHN 3:16-21

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

### **GOD'S HEART AS SEEN IN JOHN 3:16**

- (1) “For God so **loved**”— “To esteem, love, indicating a direction of the will and finding one’s joy in something or someone.” Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament, page 64. (**John 3:6, fn 3:16{1<sup>st</sup>}**, **Romans 5:8, fn 5:8**)
- (2) He loved the **world**.-- The Greek word is kosmos and means mankind or the sinful world. Zodhiates, page 881. (**John 1:29, fn 1:29**)
- (3) He **gave His life**. (**John 5:13, John 10:11**)
- (4) “That whoever **believes** in Him” (**fn 3:16{2<sup>nd</sup>}**)
- (5) “Should **not perish**”—“not extinction but change from one state of being to another; to receive eternal punishment without God” Zodiates, page 230. (**Revelation 20:14, fn 20:14**)
- (6) ”But have **eternal life**”—the very life of God Himself, without beginning and end (**John 10:10, Revelation 21:3,4, fn 21:3,4**)

**SELF-JUDGEMENT**—Read John 3:17-21. When we look at a time-tested masterpiece, it is not the art that is on trial. It is us! In verse 19 the verdict is determined by how we look at Jesus. *Do we see ourselves as sinners in need of a savior, or do we turn away, trusting that there must be another way to God?* See John 14:6 and fn 14:6. Using the Scriptures and definitions that you have read, write a brief plan of salvation.

*Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.*