

THE GOLDEN TEXT OF THE BIBLE

TEXT: John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. This and Ps. 23 most well known.
- B. 25 words yet has the whole plan of redemption.

BODY:

I. GOD.

A. All things begin with God- Gen. 1:1 **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

B. Ps. 14:1 "**The fool has said in his heart there is no God...**"

C. We are all accountable to God.

1. Acts 17:30-31 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."
2. Rom. 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

II. SO LOVED.

A. We don't deserve God's love- Rom. 5:6-8 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

B. We see God's love through the cross- Phil. 2:5-8 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

III. THE WORLD.

- A. Used in different ways.

1. Planet earth- Jn. 21:25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

2. People of the world- Matt. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

IV. THAT HE GAVE.

A. Salvation is a gift from God, Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

B. We are saved by grace- Eph. 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

V. HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.

A. Every person is a child of God by creation.

B. Christians are children of God by adoption.

1. Rom. 8:14-17.

2. 1 Jn. 3:1.

3. Jesus was God's son in a special way, He was born of a virgin without an earthly father- Matt. 1:23 Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

VI. THAT WHOSOEVER.

A. Salvation is for all, every race and nation.

1. Mk. 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

2. Acts 10:34-35 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

3. Matt. 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

B. Puts a responsibility on all Christians to help take the Gospel to the whole world.

VII. BELIEVETH IN HIM.

A. We must have faith to be saved- Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

B. Not by faith alone- James 2:24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

C. Faith working with works saves- Gal. 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

VIII. SHOULD NOT PERISH.

A. Hell is reserved for the unbeliever- Matt. 25:41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, `Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

B. Without the death of Christ all of us would be doomed to HELL!

IX. HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

A. If we believe in Christ we will never die- Jn. 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

B. Life is in the name of Christ- Jn. 20:30-31 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

CONCLUSION:

A. Jn 3:16 tells us:

1. All are lost in sin and doomed to perish.
2. God loved us and sent His Son to die for us.
3. We can have eternal life.
4. This life is only ion Jesus Christ.

B. DO YOU WANT ETERNAL LIFE???

C. One of the few things in life money can't buy, yet it is free.