

God – The Freelance Gift Giver
John 3:16
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From St. Nicholas to Santa Claus

John 3:16 (NIV)

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.

I. FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

FOR GOD

- CREATOR –
- HOLY –
 1 Peter 1:16 (NIV) for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”
- JUST –

FOR GOD SO LOVED

- GRACE – Giving something to me I do not deserve nor have I earned it
 God motivated by his love is taking the initiative in this verse
 God’s love is not expressed SOLELY, BUT fully through the Cross

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

- THE WORLD
 God loves the world with the selfless, costly love of redemption that we see in what HE GAVE TO US.

II. THAT HE GAVE

John 10:17-18 (ESV)

¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I LAY DOWN MY LIFE that I may take it up again.

¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I LAY IT DOWN OF MY OWN ACCORD.

THAT HE GAVE . . . HIS ONE AND ONLY SON

III. THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

IV. SHALL NOT PERISH

John 3:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

V. BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

John 10:10 (ESV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.