

JOHN 3:16



GOD SO LOVED

GOD'S LOVE FOR US

John 3:16 is probably the most well-known and widely quoted verse in the Bible. It has rightfully been called

THE GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL



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Luther
called
John 3:16
“the heart of
the Bible—the
Gospel in miniature.”

REMINDER

□ We saw that:

For God: The Creator of the universe, who needs nothing from us and who knows all our secret sins

so loved: God initiates love to us

the world: This is not just the elect, but the unredeemed sinners and backsliders

that he gave: God's love is sacrificial

his one and only Son: not just a prophet, but his Son Jesus - who is greater than the angels

that whoever: That includes you and me and all who will respond in faith

THAT WHOEVER

- ❑ How can God love everyone?
- ❑ His love is a great love!
 - Ps 108:4,6 For **great is your love, higher than the heavens**; your faithfulness reaches to the skies... Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered. (also Ps 57:10, Ps 103:11, Ps 36:5)
- ❑ It is a love that surpasses knowledge
 - Eph 3:17-19 And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp **how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ**, and to know **this love that surpasses knowledge**—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

GREAT LOVE

- ❑ The chorus of the hymn, "The Love of God" goes:
 - O Love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints and angels song.
- ❑ When the author F.M. Lehman (1868-1953) tried to write a third verse to the song, the words just wouldn't fall into place. He then thought of a card he had once received that had on it a poem about the love of God. He searched for the card and soon found it. Lehman read the words on the card and his heart was just as thrilled with the poem as the first time he read it. He began to voice the words of the poem with the melody he had composed for his song. They fit perfectly and he knew he had his third verse to his song.

GREAT LOVE

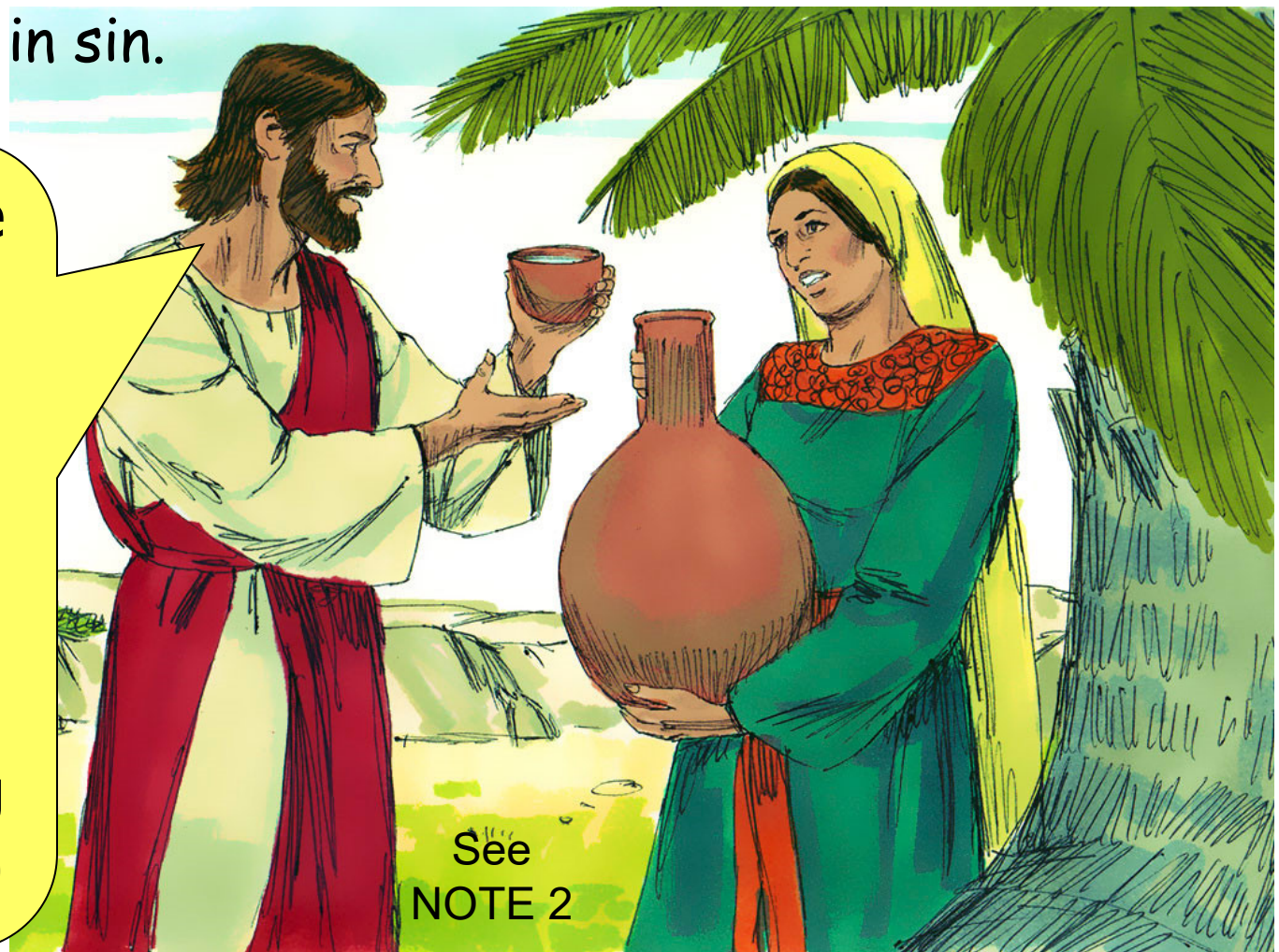
❑ Lehman noticed at the bottom of the card some smaller but heavier printing. It told the story of the origin of the poem. It was found written on a prison wall some 200 years earlier. It wasn't known why the prisoner was incarcerated; nor if the words were original or if he had heard them elsewhere. Whatever the circumstances, he had written them on the wall of his prison cell. That third stanza goes:

➤ Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky.

GOD LOVES SINNERS

- ❑ Jesus was always getting into trouble because he fraternised with sinners. He offered his "living water" to the woman at the well, who had been married five times and was then living in sin.

If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water. (John 4:10)



GOD LOVES SINNERS

- ❑ He defended the woman caught in the act of adultery before her accusers, who wanted to execute her. He did not condemn her, but told her to leave her life of sin.

Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her. (John 8:7)

Then neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin. (John 8:11)



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- ❑ Jesus accepted worship from "a woman in the city who was a sinner" (Luke 7:37), despite the Pharisees' disapproval.



Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.
(Luke 7:47)

GOD LOVES SINNERS

- ❑ Jesus was called the “friend of sinners” because he ate and drank with a tax collector, Matthew, and his friends.

Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners? (Matt 9:11)

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”(Luke 5:31)



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- ❑ Jesus was criticised for going to the house of a tax collector Zacchaeus, who had a reputation for being dishonest.

He has gone to be the guest of a sinner. (Luke 19:7)

... this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:9-10)



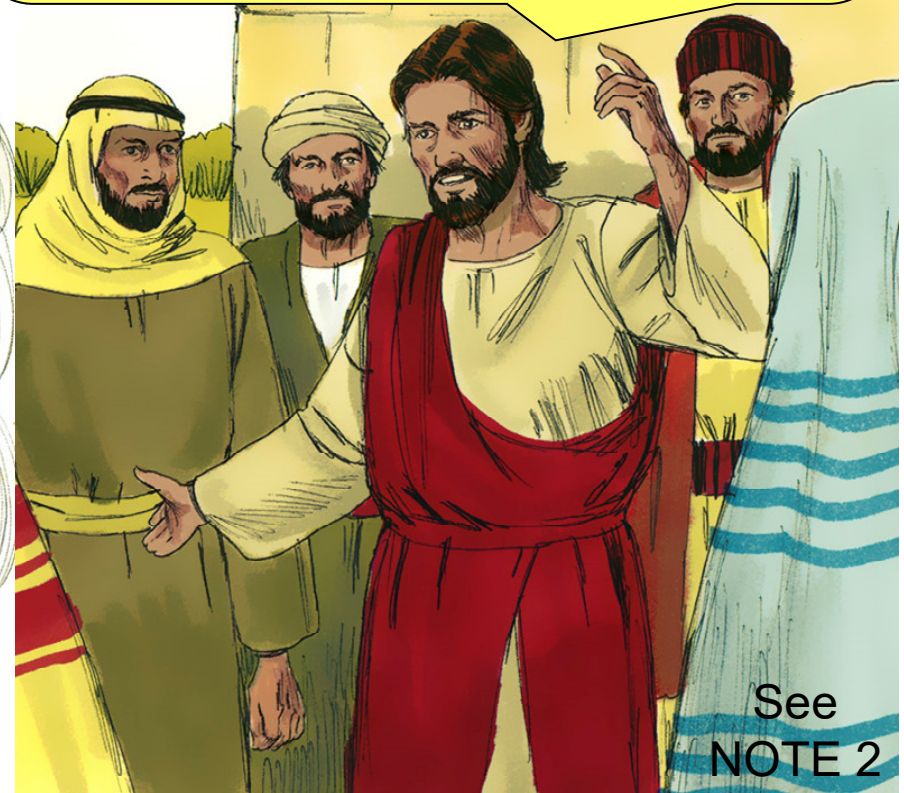
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- ❑ Jesus's parable about two men praying shows God giving grace to a self-confessed sinner, while ignoring a self-righteous, religious leader.

God, have mercy on me, a sinner. (Luke 18:13)



I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God.. (Luke 18:14)



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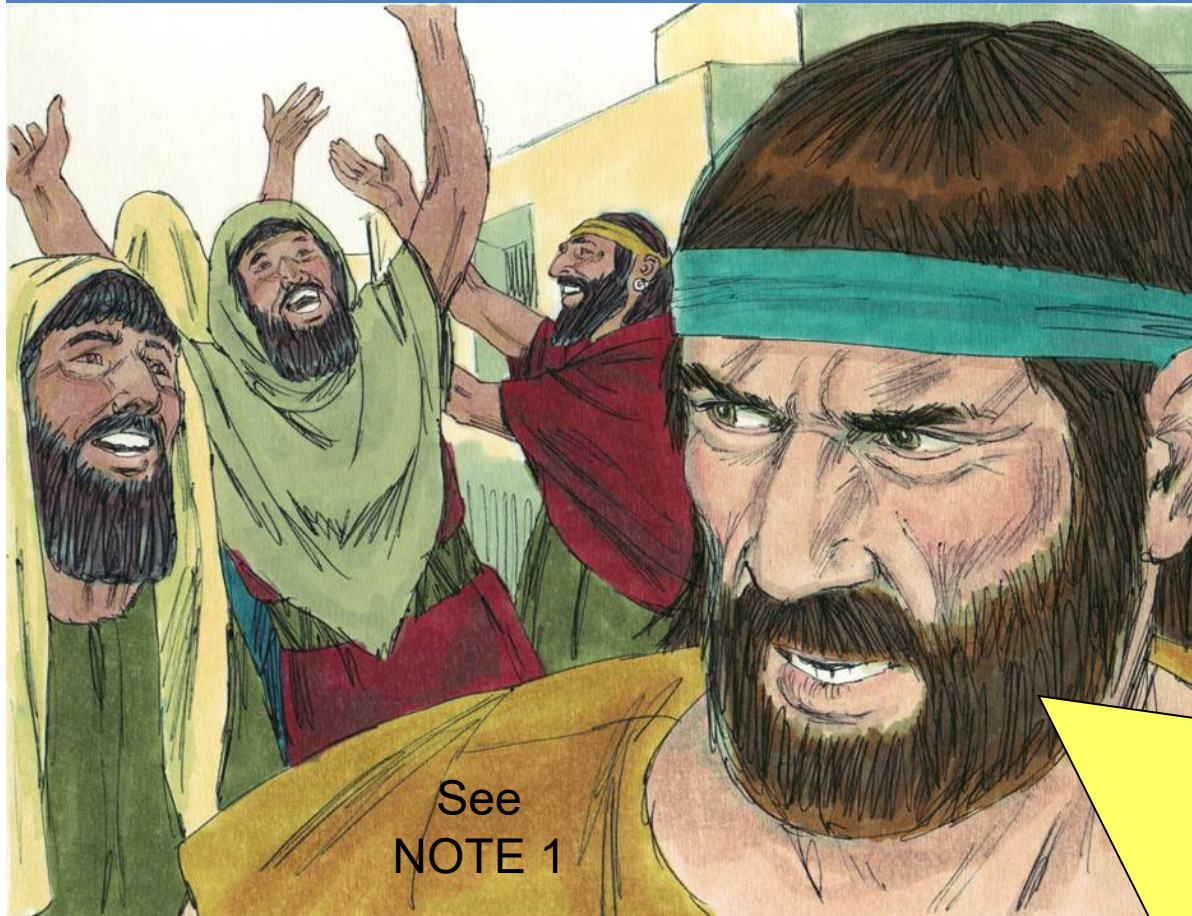
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- ❑ Jesus instructs us to love our enemies, based on his Father's own example.
 - Matt 5:43-45 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."
- ❑ Would Jesus tell us to do something that he himself did not do?
- ❑ Would he use the Father as an example to follow for loving our enemies, if God did not love sinners?

GOD LOVES SINNERS

- ❑ Jesus loves sinners. He only loves sinners. He has never turned anyone away who came to Him for forgiveness, and He died on the cross for sinners, not for respectable people. ~ Corrie Ten Boom
- ❑ Because of his love, God takes no pleasure in the grief of the wicked.
 - For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men. (Lam 3:31-33)
 - Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and **abounding in love**, and he **relents from sending calamity**. (Joel 2:13)

GOD LOVES SINNERS



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NOTE 1

This is why Jonah was angry. He wanted God to punish the Ninevites, but knew that God would willingly forgive them if they repented.

O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. (Jonah 4:2)

GOD LOVES SINNERS

- ❑ God does not rejoice when sinners die in an unrepentant state and face eternal punishment.
 - Ezekiel 33:11 Say to them, "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, **I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.** Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?"
 - 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord ... is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish**, but everyone to come to repentance.
- ❑ God's angels rejoice when even one sinner repents.
 - Luke 15:10 "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

HE LOVES THE BACKSLIDER

- ❑ Jesus's enemies dubbed him "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt 11:19).
- ❑ Even when we don't realise it or acknowledge it, God loves us. Even when we drift away, God loves the backslider.
 - Hos 11:1-4 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images. It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them."

HE LOVES THE BACKSLIDER

- ❑ Hosea is a picture how God loves the unfaithful backslider.
 - Hos 2:19 I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion.
 - Hos 3:3 The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."
 - Hos 14:4 "I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them.
 - Rom 9:25 As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one,"

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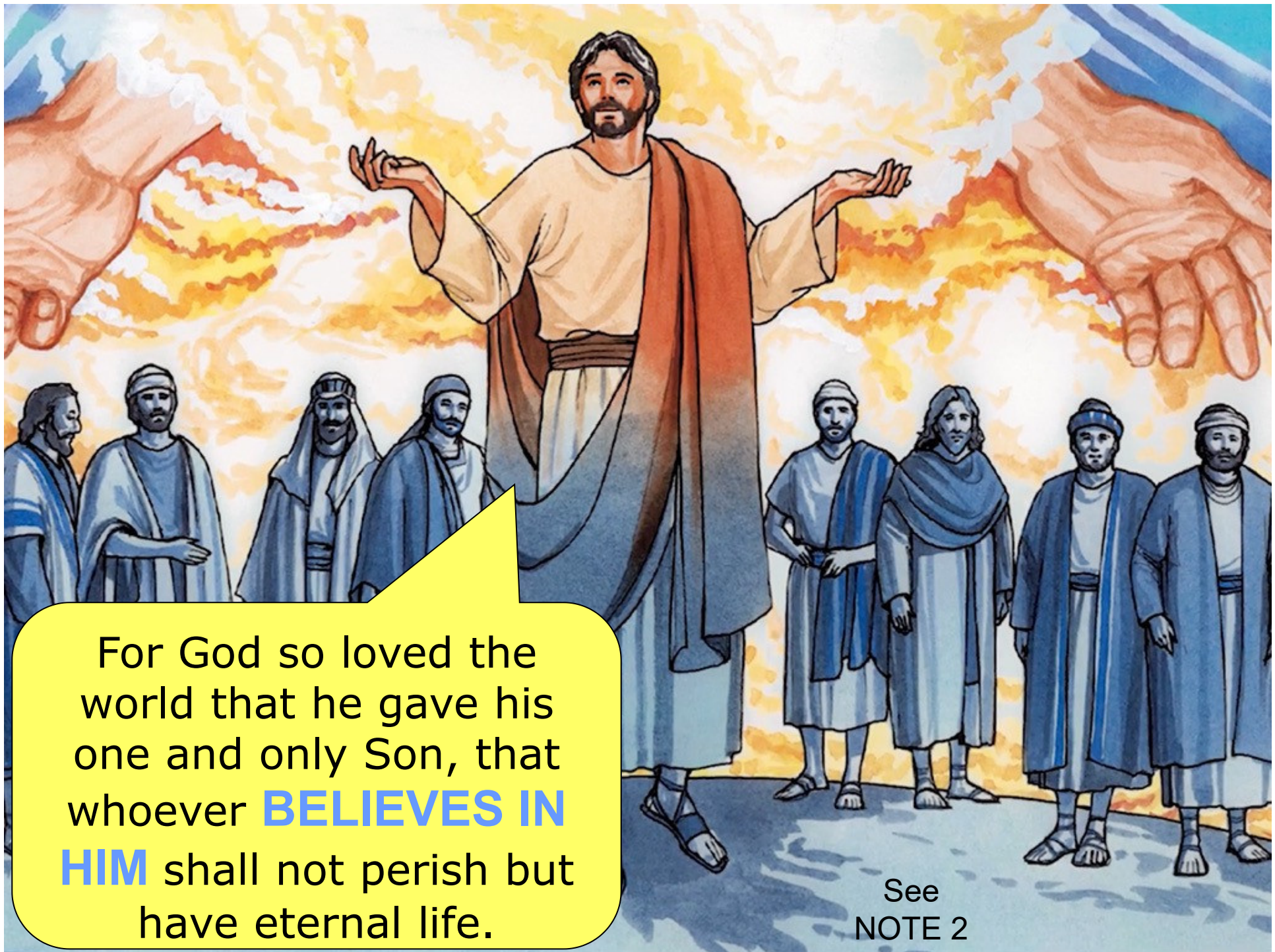
Jesus' parable about the Prodigal Son speaks of a father (typical of our Heavenly Father) who lovingly restores his wayward son.

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. (Luke 15:21)



For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. (Luke 15:24)



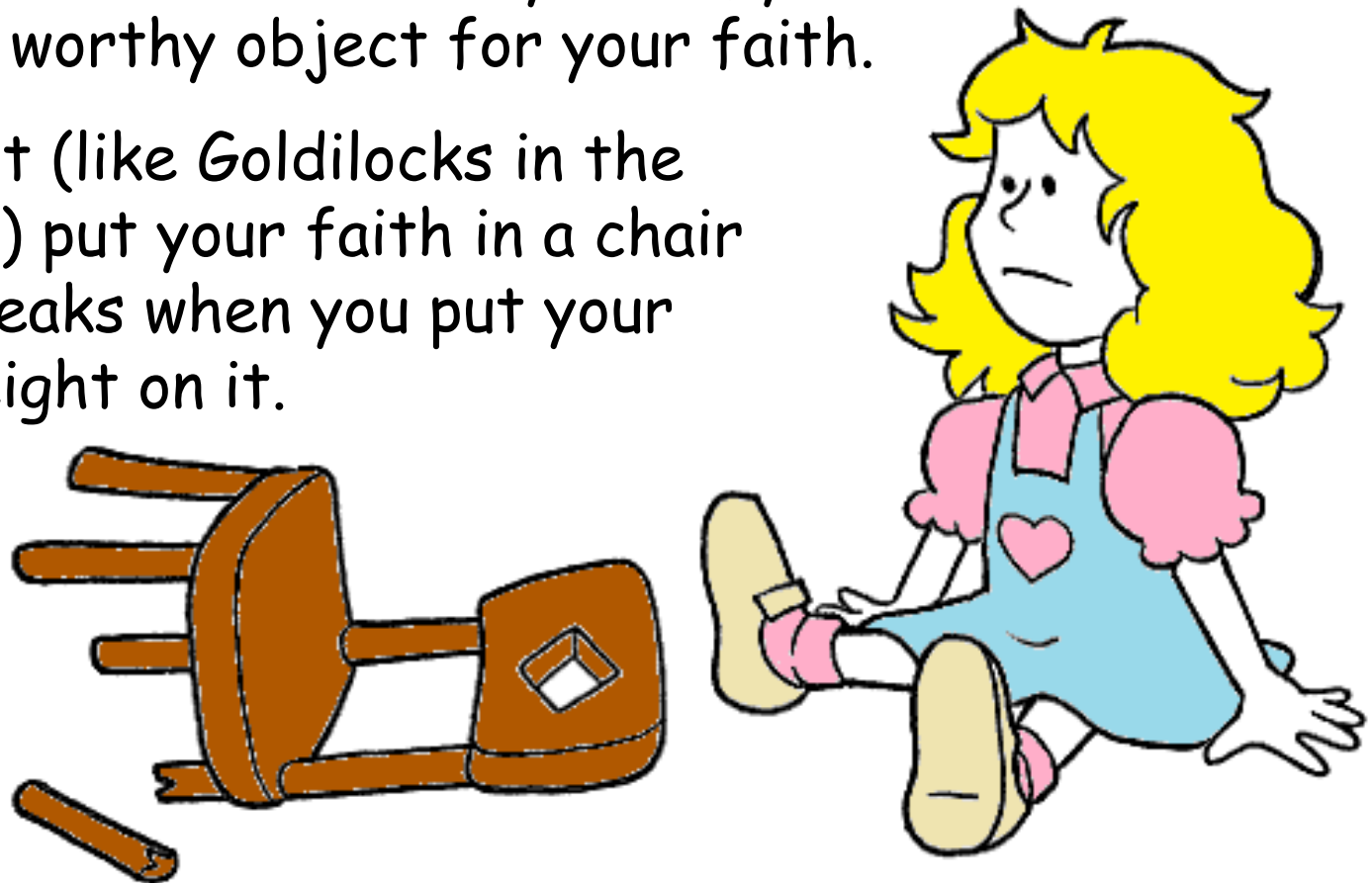


For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **BELIEVES IN HIM** shall not perish but have eternal life.

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NOTE 2

BELIEVES IN HIM

- ❑ Faith always has an object - i.e. that which you put your faith in.
- ❑ In order for faith to be of any value, you must have a worthy object for your faith.
 - You might (like Goldilocks in the fairytale) put your faith in a chair which breaks when you put your whole weight on it.



BELIEVES IN HIM

- ❑ You may put your faith in an ship that doesn't reach it's destination. That is why faith is not the same as positive confession, which is faith in faith, or faith in yourself and your own ability.
- ❑ True Biblical faith has God as it's object.
 - Mark 11:22
"Have faith in God," Jesus answered.



BELIEVES IN HIM

- ❑ Faith must have a worthwhile object. We live in an age where people have "faith in faith" or who are taught to have faith in themselves (basically humanism). You can have faith in anything, but it might not be worthy of your faith.
- ❑ The Scripture teaches that our faith must have Jesus as it's object. Jesus speaks of "those who are sanctified by faith in me." (Acts 26:18)
 - Acts 20:21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have **faith in our Lord Jesus**.
 - 2 Tim 3:14 ... salvation through **faith in Christ Jesus**.
 - Eph 3:12 In him and through **faith in him** we may approach God...

BELIEVES IN HIM

- Rom 3:22 This righteousness... comes through **faith in Jesus Christ...**
- Rom 3:26... the one who justifies those who have **faith in Jesus.**
- Phil 3:9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is **through faith in Christ**--the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.
- Gal 3:26 You are all sons of God through **faith in Christ Jesus...**

BELIEVES IN HIM

- ❑ We are saved by faith in Jesus:
 - Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:50).
 - Rom 3:24-28 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus... Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.
- ❑ And the 'saving faith' is specifically in Jesus' substitutionary sacrifice:
 - Rom 3:25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, **through faith in his blood...**

BELIEVES IN HIM

- ❑ We must believe that Jesus can save us.
 - Rom 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- ❑ We must put our faith in Jesus.
 - 1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who **believe in the name of the Son of God** so that you may know that you have eternal life.
 - Believing in Jesus doesn't just mean believing that He exists. Even the demons do that. It means putting our trust and hope in Him.

BELIEVES IN HIM

❑ How do we get faith?

1. BY HEARING GOD'S WORD.

- Rom 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.
- 2 Tim 3:15 ... from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
- Rom 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...

BELIEVES IN HIM

❑ How do we get faith?

2. LIKE GRACE, IT IS A GIFT OF GOD

- Acts 14:27 ... God ... had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.
- Eph 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works...

AND HENCE - LIKE GRACE, NO BOASTING

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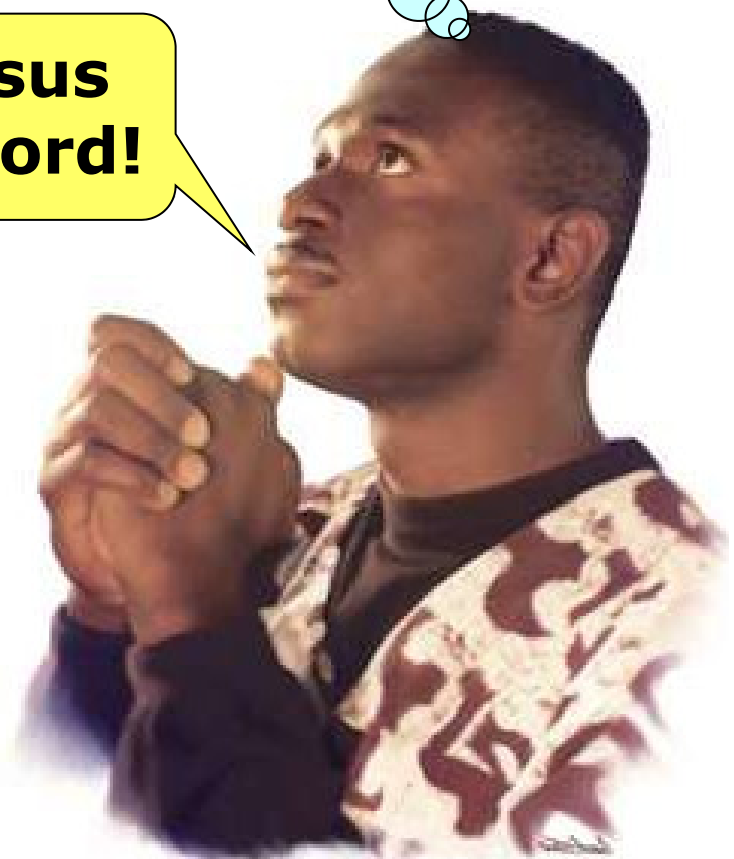
❑ What is the evidence of saving faith?

1. BELIEF IN THE HEART AND CONFESSION OF THE MOUTH

- Rom 10:8-9 "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, **the word of faith** we are proclaiming: That if you **confess with your mouth**, "Jesus is Lord," and **believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved...

**I believe that
God raised Jesus
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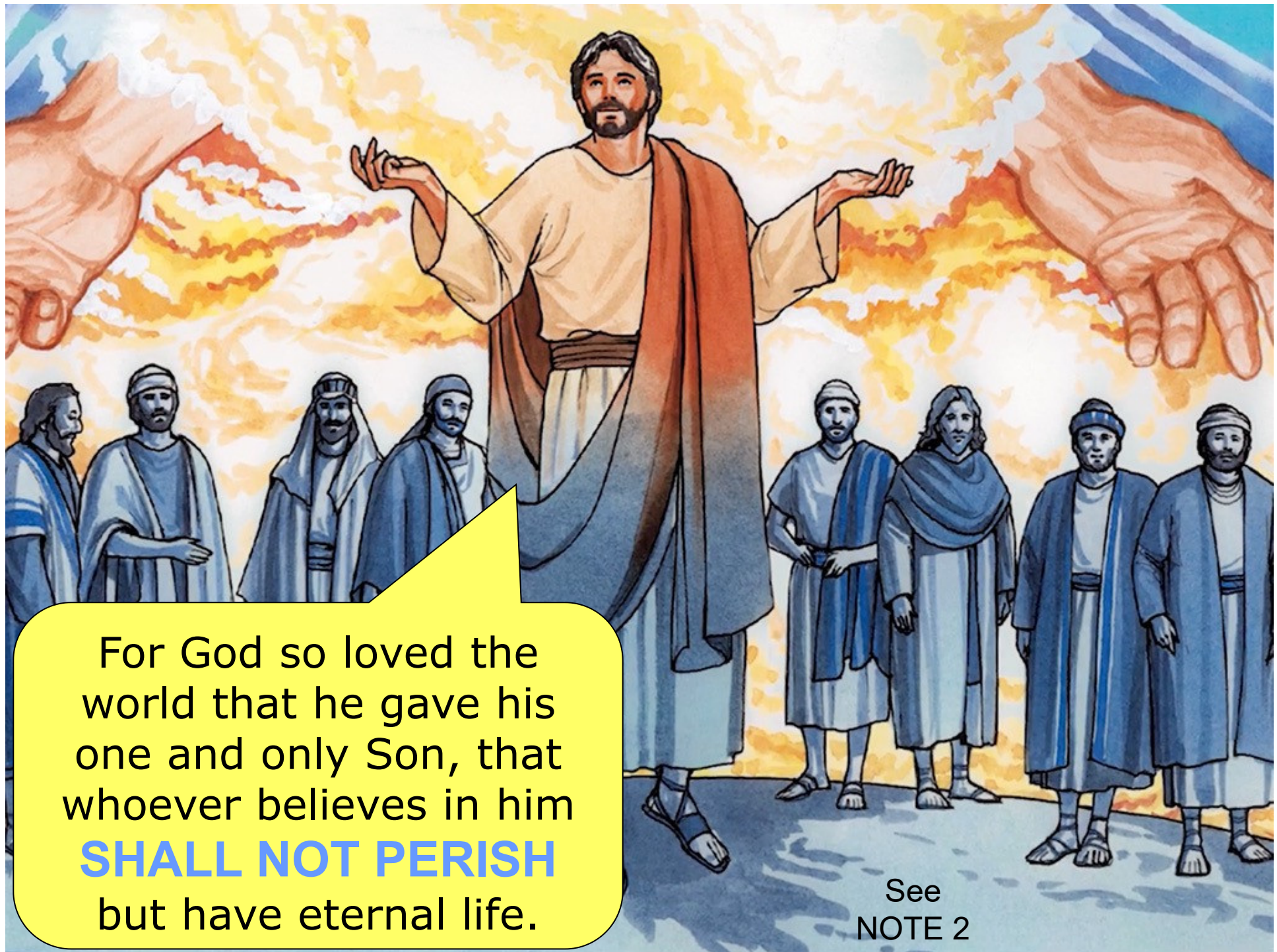
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2. REPENTANCE

- Acts 20:21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.
- ❑ It's not enough to be sorry for your sin - you must turn your back on your sin.
- Acts 26:20 ... I preached that they should repent and turn to God and **demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.**



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.

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NOTE 2

SHALL NOT PERISH

- ❑ God is not only a loving God, he is a just God. If we do not repent, there will be punishment.
 - Luke 13:3 ... But unless you repent, you too will all perish.
- ❑ Repentance is not an optional extra.
 - Acts 17:30 ... God ... commands all people everywhere to repent.
- ❑ Repentance is summed up in the words Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery, "go and sin no more" or "go and leave your life of sin." (John 8:11)

SHALL NOT PERISH

- ❑ Those who reject the Son of God face a terrible fate:
 - Hebrews 10:26-31 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a **fearful expectation of judgment** and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. **How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

SHALL NOT PERISH

- ❑ There are 2 choices and 2 destinies. We can chose to accept God's way of salvation through his Son, Jesus - or to reject it and face the consequences:
 - John 3:36 **"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them."**
 - 1 John 5:10-12 **Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.**

SHALL NOT PERISH

- ❑ But God's love is a redemptive love. If we believe in his Son we "shall not perish".
- Ps 103:8-10 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, **abounding in love**. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger forever; **he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities**.
- Isa 38:17 ... In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back.
- Zeph 3:17 "The LORD your God is with you, he is **mighty to save**. He will take great delight in you, he will **quiet you with his love**, he will rejoice over you with singing."

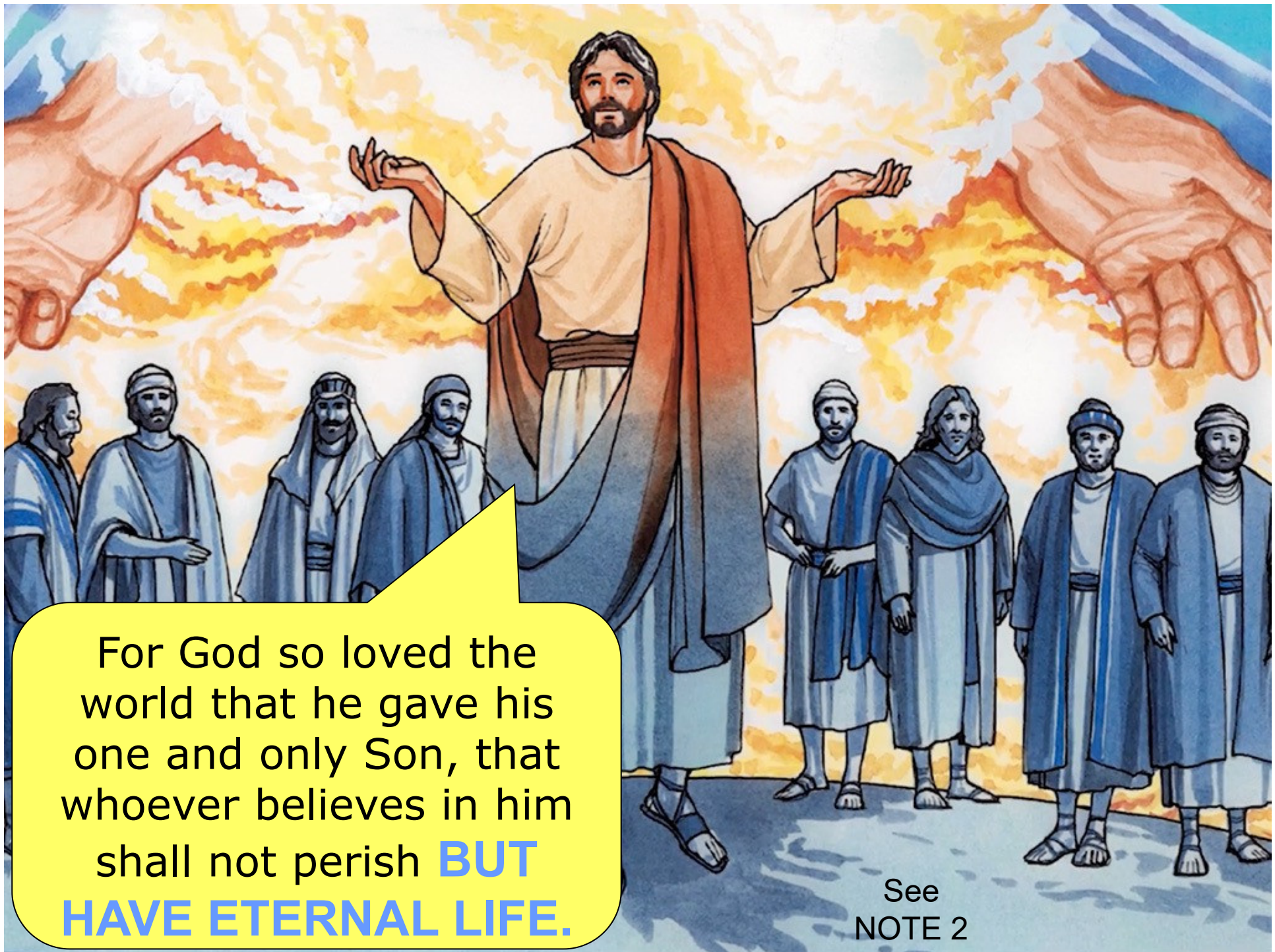
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- Titus 3:4-5 But when the kindness and **love of God** our Saviour appeared, **he saved us**, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.
- Ps 103:2-4 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who **forgives all your sins** and heals all your diseases, who **redeems your life from the pit** and **crowns you with love and compassion**
- Ps 25:6-7 Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. **Remember not the sins of my youth** and my rebellious ways; **according to your love** remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

SHALL NOT PERISH

- ❑ As a group of people toured the slums of a city, one of the women, seeing a little girl playing in the dirt, asked the guide, "Why doesn't her mother clean her up?" "Madam," he replied, "that girl's mother probably loves her, but she doesn't hate dirt. You hate dirt, but you don't love her enough to go down there and clean her up. Until hate for dirt and love for that child are in the same person, that little girl is likely to remain as she is."
- ❑ Many people might hate our sin. God didn't just hate our sin - he loved us as well. So he provided a way of salvation for us - the object of his love.





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.**

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BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

- ❑ God has “set eternity in the hearts of men” (Eccl 3:11).
- ❑ Jesus promised us eternal life.
 - 1 John 2:25 And this is what he promised us—even eternal life.
- ❑ The only other alternative is eternal punishment.
 - Matt 25:46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

- ❑ Though we might have troubles in this life, the benefits of eternal life outweighs them.
 - 2 Cor 4:17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
 - 1 Pet 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.
 - Luke 18:29-30 "I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

- ❑ We deserve death but eternal life is an unmerited gift from God.
- Rom 6:21-23 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

- ❑ Eternal life was given because of God's love, kindness, mercy and grace.
- Titus 3:4-7 But when the **kindness** and **love** of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, **not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy**. He saved us ... so that, having been justified by his **grace**, we might become heirs having the hope of **eternal life**.
- Rom 5:21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also **grace** might reign through righteousness to bring **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Jude 21 Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the **mercy** of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to **eternal life**.

BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

- ❑ Obtained through faith, it was made possible through Jesus' death.
- John 3:14-15 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.
- Heb 9:12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by **his own blood**, having obtained **eternal redemption**.
- Heb 9:15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that **those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance**—now that he has **died** as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

❑ How do we avail ourselves of eternal life?

1. By believing in Jesus Christ (John 3:16)

- 1 Tim 1:16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.
- 1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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- John 5:24-26 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

2. By entering into a relationship with God and his Son.

- John 17:1-3 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. **Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**

3. By walking in obedience to God.

- Heb 5:9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of **eternal salvation** for all who obey him

BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

- ❑ Is there any other way to get eternal life?
- ❑ Jesus told the woman at the well, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

- ❑ Billy Graham said:

Drink of the water of drugs, and you will thirst again.
Drink of the water of fame, and you will thirst again.
Drink of the water of popularity, and you will thirst again.
Drink of all the other waters being offered today, and you will thirst again. But drink of the living water that Jesus will give you, and you will never thirst.¹

¹ <https://billygraham.org/decision-magazine/april-2005>

BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

- ❑ Only Jesus has God's seal of approval for giving eternal life.
 - John 6:27 "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."
 - John 6:40 "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

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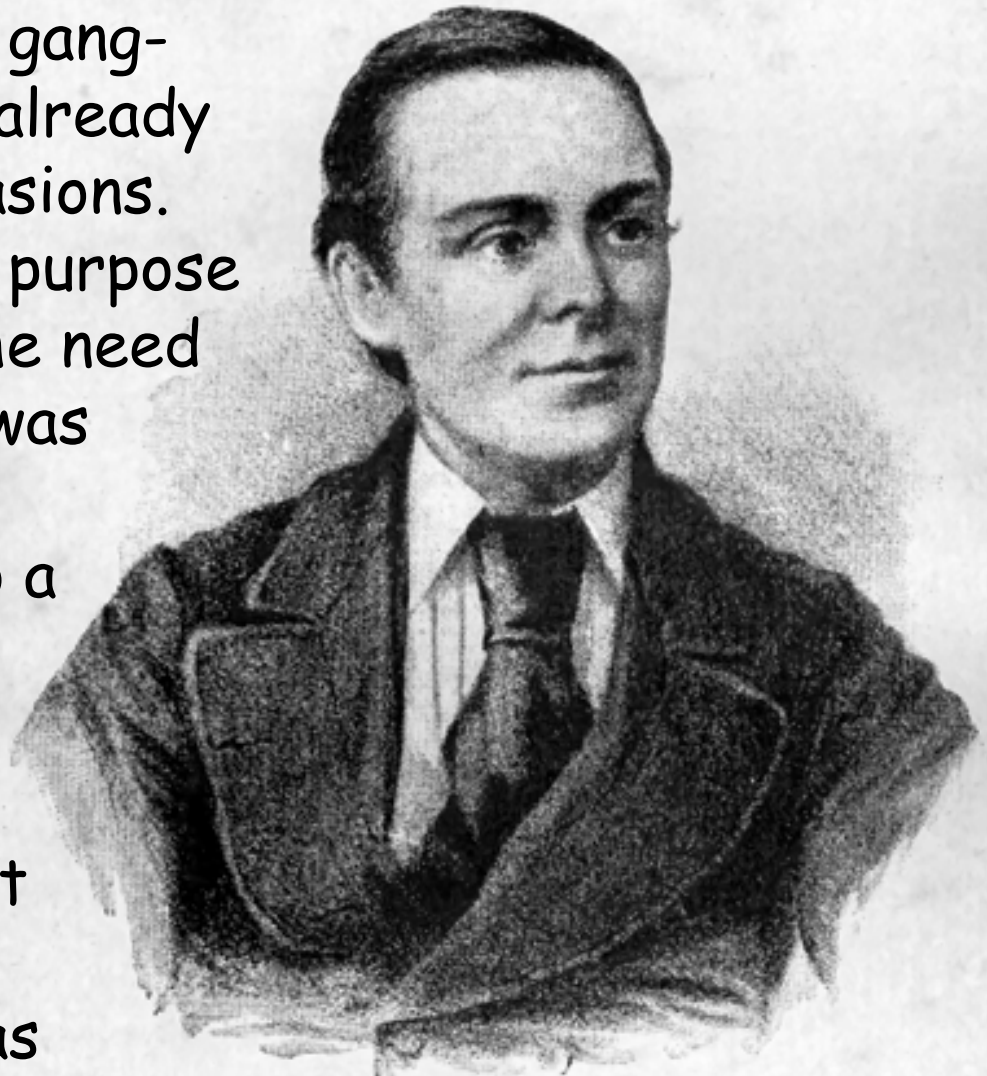
- ❑ There are no other ways of attaining eternal life, except through Jesus.
- 1 John 5:11-12 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
- John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

IF GOD IS FOR US

- ❑ We must endure till the end to enter into eternal life.
 - 1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
- ❑ But Jesus has the power (and the desire - because of his love) to keep us.
 - John 10:27-28 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. **I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.**"

IF GOD IS FOR US

- ❑ At a very young age, Henry Moorhouse was a gambler, gang-leader and thief, who had already been in jail on several occasions. He carried a gun - for the purpose of killing himself should the need arise. One day in 1859 he was radically converted after accidentally stumbling into a revival meeting of Richard Weaver. Immediately, Henry began to preach in open air meetings, hand out tracts and talk to people about Jesus. He is known as "the man who loved John 3:16".



IF GOD IS FOR US

- ❑ Henry Moorhouse would tell of a man who bet on dog fights. His bulldog was one of the best. But after a bad night at the fights he was carrying his torn-up dog under his arm. Disgusted at the dog's poor showing, as he passed the zoo that night, he threw the creature over the gate into the lion's den to get rid of it.

Later as he passed the zoo, he spied a strange sight. There was his fighting dog, recuperating from his wounds as he rested under the lazy paw of a great lion. →



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← Realizing his mistake, he went to the zoo-keeper to report his lost property and demanded his dog back. The zoo-keeper responded, "Go and get him."

Henry would add, "I had served Satan well, but one day the old devil lost me, and I found myself at the feet of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Every once in a while the devil comes back to reclaim me, but when he does I just nestle close to the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and say to the devil, "Come and get me." ¹



¹ <http://www.uplook.org/1999/04/henry-moorehouse>

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- ❑ Rom 8:28-39 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.→

IF GOD IS FOR US

← Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, **will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

CONCLUSION

- ❑ Who does God love?
- ❑ Fort Hancock is on the farthest tip of Sandy Hook, which reaches out into the Atlantic on the New Jersey coast. During World War II it was a military training centre. A civilian of the area was eager to bring the good news of Christ to the thousands of young men stationed there. The military authorities would not permit him to enter in person. Not to be denied, he asked a firm that specialized in novelties to make several thousand mirrors about three inches in diameter. On the back of each mirror he had printed the words of John 3:16. Beneath these words he had this direction, "If you want to see who it is that God loves, look on the other side." As each soldier looked at himself he saw the person whom God loved.

CONCLUSION

- ❑ A man was looking for a place in New York late one night. He stopped a police officer and said, "I am looking for a night club named Hell's Gate. Do you know how to get there?" The officer said, "Just keep going down this street and will you pass Calvary Church on your right. Just keep going past CALVARY and you will come to HELL'S GATE."
- ❑ You have to pass by so many things to get to hell.
 - The Cross. Don't pass Calvary!
 - Don't pass the Word of God.
 - Don't pass the conviction of the Holy Spirit.
 - But most of all, don't walk past the Love of God.

**Heb 2:3 (NASB) how will we escape
if we neglect so great a salvation?**

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