




# **John 3:16**

The Essence of the Gospel





“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16



“... God so loved the world ...”

Did God love the earth?



“... God so loved the world ...”

God loved people.



“... God so loved the world ...”

God loves everyone (the world).



“... God so loved the world ...”

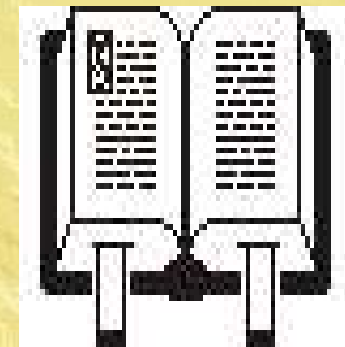
God's Word shows that some things demand evidence:

Repentance - Matthew 3:8

Faith - James 2:14



Love - I John 3:18





“... God so loved the world ...”

What did God do to prove His love

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“... God so loved the world ...”

That He did not just give any prophet.





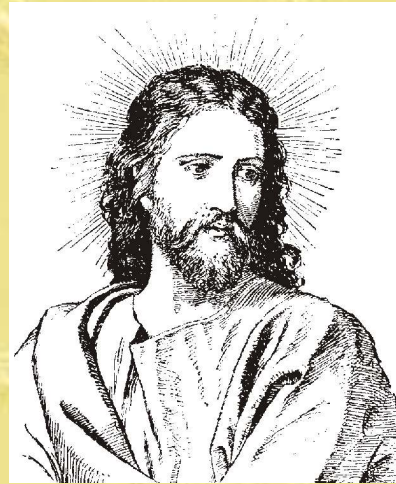
“... God so loved the world ...”

That He also did not just give an angel.



“... God so loved the world ...”

“... That He gave His only begotten Son ...”





“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

“God’s Son” is not used in the physical sense.

“God’s Son” is a title.

Luke 1:30-35





“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

The title “God’s Son” appears in the Old Testament:

Proverbs 30:4

Psalms 2:7





“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

Two verses in the Old Testament describe a person:

Who is a human and also God Himself.

Isaiah 9:6-7





“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

Jesus Christ was physically human,

And spiritually God Himself.

John 1:1,14





“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

When the Jewish High Priest asked Jesus:

“Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”

Jesus said “I am.”

Mark 14:61b-62a






“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

The Jews understood Jesus’ answer as blasphemy

And decided to condemn Him to death.

Mark 14:63b-64





“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

God gave His Son.

To whom?



“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

For what purpose did He give His Son?

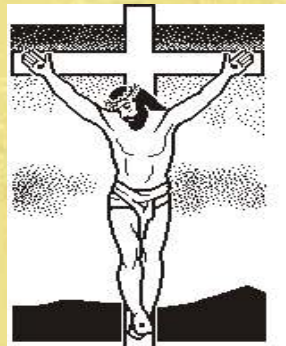
To live among us



“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

For what purpose did He give His Son?

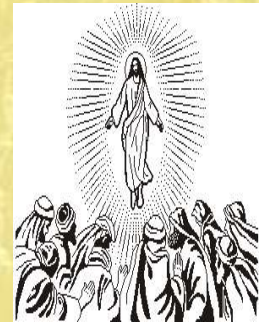
To be a sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins



“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

For what purpose did He give His Son?

To resurrect and intercede for us






“... He gave His only begotten Son ...”

Why did God give His Son

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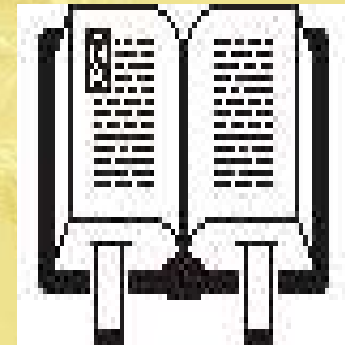
“... That whoever believes in Him will not perish ...”

God’s Word says there is an eternal Hell:

Matthew 25:41

Mark 9:42-48

Revelation 20:10-15





“... Whoever believes in Him will not perish ...”

Whoever does not believe in Jesus Christ will perish:

“He who does not obey the Son will not see life”

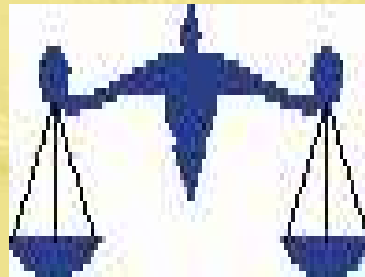
John 3:36b



“... Whoever believes in Him will not perish ...”

Will our “good works” not save us from Hell?

Will our “good works” not erase our sins?





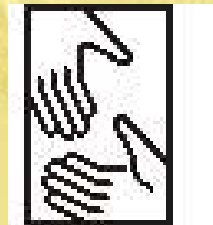


“... Whoever believes in Him will not perish ...”

It does not say, “those with good works will not perish”

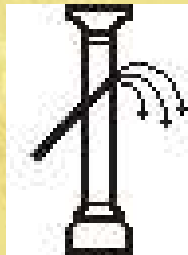
This verse excludes “good works” entirely.

Doing good deeds is everyone’s duty anyway!



“... Whoever believes in Him will not perish ...”

If our “good works” could have saved us,  
Then God sent His only begotten Son in vain.



“... Whoever believes in Him will not perish ...”

We must believe in Jesus Christ so we will not perish.

Our sins can only be forgiven in Him.






“... Whoever believes in Him will not perish ...”

Whoever believes in Jesus Christ will not perish,

But what will happen then

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“whoever believes in Him will ... have everlasting life.”

Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ

Will have everlasting life.



“whoever believes in Him will ... have everlasting life.”

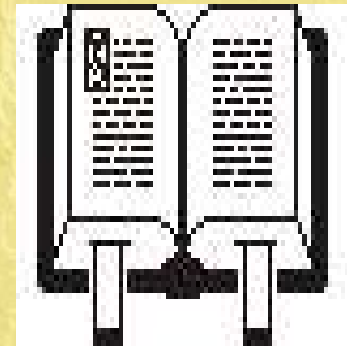
But didn't faith demand evidence?

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Faith - James 2:14

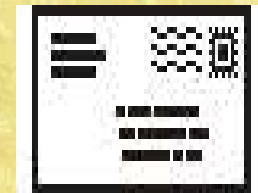
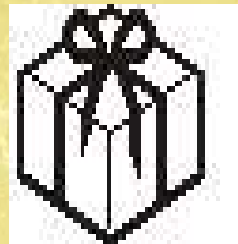
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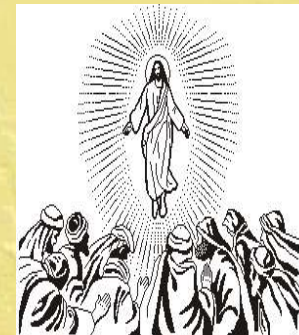
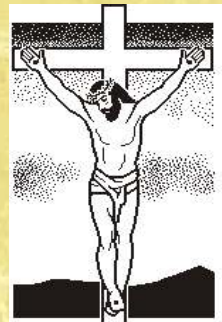
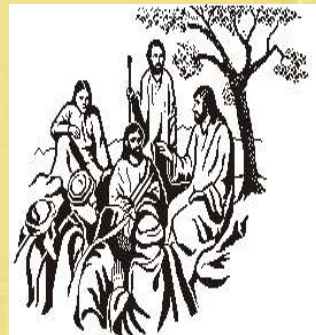
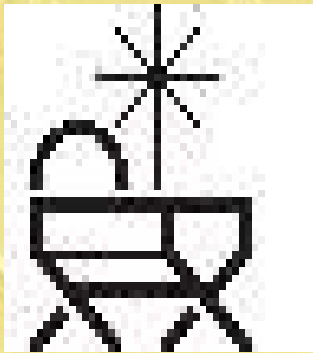
If someone loves someone else,

They show their love.



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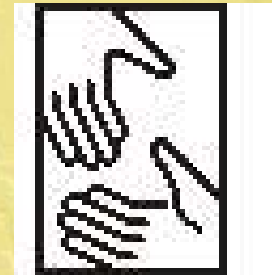
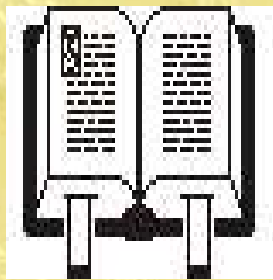
God loved us and gave His only begotten Son.






“whoever believes in Him will ... have everlasting life.”

Should we not believe in Him and live for Him?



What will your answer to Him be?





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