



Love

at its greatest

God's loving offer

for you personally!

God so *loved* the world <...> The greatest example of *mercy* ever shown
that He *gave* His only begotten Son, <...> The highest *price* paid
that *whoever* <...> The biggest *number* imaginable
believes in Him <...> The simplest *terms* possible
should *not perish* <...> The greatest *salvation* available
but have *everlasting life*. <...> The best *gift* on offer

The Bible, John 3:16

This central verse from the Bible makes the whole good message from God to us crystal clear.

The message of the gospel in the Bible is really a happy message for anyone who is honest enough to face the light that shines on them.

God so loved the world ...

This gives us an idea of how much God longs for us, His creatures. We can only wonder at God's incredible love, even though we insulted, ignored and offended Him.

He has taken the first step to save us who are lost.

... that He gave His only Son ...

This is the price that God's love has paid: Jesus Christ – His indescribable gift. Jesus Christ is the proof that this perfectly righteous God loves us. He sent His beloved Son to earth to die for us on the cross.

*That was how our loving God helped us, who were lost. –
What mercy!*

... that whoever believes in Him ...

This is true for everybody – no exception. Instead of the word 'whoever' you could insert your own name. What do we need to do to be lost? Nothing!

But we need to do something to be saved!

God does not expect us to do good. But He asks us to *believe personally* in His Son Jesus Christ, who suffered God's judgment for our sins. If you do as He asks, you will receive salvation from eternal punishment and receive *eternal life*.

... should not perish ...

Here God warns us of the terrible fate of those who reject His offer: they will be lost forever in darkness and torture, far from His presence **"where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched."** The Bible, Mark 9:44

Please do not get this wrong:
God's message is not a threat:

He does not want sinners to die, but to convert and live.

However, it would be wrong of us to be silent about God's earnest warning that people can be lost.

... but have everlasting life.

That is a lot more than "getting something out of life" or "enjoying your life", which would be very insignificant. *It means a happy and eternal life with Jesus Christ.*

God's Word puts it like this:

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Bible, Romans 6:23

"He who has the Son has life."

The Bible, 1 John 5:12

When does eternal life begin? From the moment when you believe on the Saviour Jesus Christ and sincerely confess your sins before God. *You can do that here and now!*

Read the Bible
In this is love,
not that we loved *God*,
but that *He* loved us
and *sent His Son*
to be the propitiation for our sins.

The Bible, 1 John 4:10

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