THE LOVE OF GOD
(John 3:14-17)

Introduction: 1. To know the love of God is to prompt us to love Him in return (I John 4:19).
2. No passage in the Bible introduces us to the love of God any greater than John 3:16 - the “golden text” of the Bible.
3. This passage, through three avenues, gives us insight into the love of God.

I. That “From Which” We Are Saved
   A. (John 3:15-16) - Perishing.
   B. To “perish” is not to suffer the loss of being, but the loss of well being.
   C. Hell is that from which God has saved us.
      1. Hell is fire (Revelation 20:14).
      2. Hell is eternal (Matthew 25:46).
   D. Once entering through the gates of Hell, you leave all hope behind. Forevermore you are separated from the love, grace, and pity of God.
   E. Thank God for His gracious offer of salvation from Hell!

II. That “For Which” He Saved Us
   A. (John 3:16) - Everlasting life.
   B. Heaven is God’s promise to the righteous.
      2. (Revelation 21:1-4) No death, sorrow, crying, pain...
   C. As the song says, “Heaven will surely be worth it all.”

III. That “By Which” He Saved Us
   A. (John 3:16) - God’s Son.
   B. (II Corinthians 5:21) Jesus became our sin offering.
   C. (Isaiah 53) Jesus was the suffering servant smitten by God.

Conclusion: 1. Will you respond to the love of God today (I John 5:3; John 14:15).
2. One anonymous poet rightly expressed the indescribable nature of God’s love.