

# John 3:16

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## Loving the World

### 1) WHO: The World

- a) Not a “neutral” term
- b) Not all the sinful things people do (1 John 2:15-17)
- c) Not Universal Application

### 2) HOW: Love

#### a) General Love of Sinners

1. Common Grace / Love
  - i. Image of God (Gen 1:27, James 3:9)
  - ii. Provision for all (Mt 5:43, Acts 14:17, Job 37:11-13)
  - iii. Conscience (Eccl 3:11)
  - iv. Patience (2 Pet 3:9)
2. Interventional Grace / Love
  - i. His Word (Ps 19)
  - ii. His People (1 Cor 7:14, 2 Thes 2:6-7, 1 Pet 3:16)
  - iii. Direct Interventions (Gen 6:5-8, Gen 15:16, Jonah 3)

#### b) Saving Love for Sinners

1. God “so” loved the world...
2. 1 John 4:9-10... “that we might *live* through him”
  - i. Salvation
  - ii. Sanctification
  - iii. Glorification

### 3) What do we do with this? – 1 John 4:7-21

- a) Receive His Love – v. 14-17
- b) Love Him Back – v. 18-19
- c) Love Other Sinners – v. 7-8, 11-12, 20-21

#### Praxis

1. Read 1 Tim 1:12-17. What would be the effects if you continually cultivated this mindset? On your relationship with God... On your relationship with sinners... On your relationship with the troubles you face in life?
2. How exactly does God’s “perfect love (for sinners) cast out fear” (1 Jn 4:18)? What are the implications for the things you fear?