

| GOD and SINNERS | JOHN 3:16 | | INTERPRETATIONS: |
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| <p>God ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - hates (Ps. 5:4-5) - abhors (Lev. 20:23) - detests (Deut. 18:12) - loathes (Ps. 95:10) <p>... sin and those who do sin (sinners)</p> <p>They are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an abomination to Him (Deut. 25:16) | <p>For God so loved</p> <p>so = in this way, in such a manner</p> <p>loved = 25 ἀγαπάω <i>agapao</i> = aorist active indicative → a completed act in the past</p> <p>the world = 2889 κόσμος <i>kosmos</i> = all people? * the gospel is preached to all people (Acts 22:15; Matt. 28:19-20) * God commands all people to repent (Acts 17:30-31) * "many" are invited but few are chosen (Matt. 22:14) * God has no pleasure in the death of anyone (Eze. 18:32)</p> <p>that</p> <p>He gave His only begotten Son = 1325 δίδωμι, δίδωμι <i>didomi</i> = aorist active indicative</p> <p>that whoever believes in Him believes = 4100 πιστεύω <i>pisteuo</i> = present active participle → initial and continuing belief</p> <p>shall not perish = 622 ἀπόλλυμι <i>apollumi</i> = aorist middle subjunctive</p> <p>but have eternal life</p> | <p><u>Context</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicodemus is a Pharisee, a ruler and teacher of the Jews - Judaism (Talmud etc.) taught <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Messiah and salvation were for the Jews - Gentiles would be judged <p>BUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God's offer of salvation was to include the Gentiles as well (Isa. 45:22; 49:6; Lk. 2:25-32) - God would soon be sending Paul and others to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47-48; 26:22-23) | <p>1. God's ongoing disposition toward a world of sinners is love → "He hates sin but loves the sinner"</p> <p>2. The love of God is only for His own, the elect</p> <p>3. God's intention in John 3:16 is to declare that His plan of salvation is not just for the Jews but for the Gentiles as well ... the whole world</p> |
| CONCLUSIONS | | | |
| | | | <p>1. God's act of love, eternal life for anyone who believes in Jesus, was for the world, Jew and Gentile alike.</p> <p>2. God's "agape" gift of His Son was to a world of rebellious sinners and morally corrupt enemies of God.</p> <p>3. From man's perspective, if the gift of God is rejected, God's wrath and hatred continue. If it is received, the believer experiences the special and eternal Father-love of God for His beloved child.</p> |