

## Real & Personal Salvation... Text: John 3:15-17

**John 3:15** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- **John 3:17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

### **For God So loved... (Jn. 3:16)**

- God does not love us because Jesus died on the cross—Jesus died on the cross because God loved us.
- The suffering on the cross did not cause God to fall in love with us—the love of God toward us caused Christ to suffer.

### **For God So loved *the World***

- World is the most universal term that we have in our language.
- We sometimes mean by it the [whole earth](#);  
sometimes the [whole human family](#);  
sometimes the [world-age, or whole period](#).

### **For God So loved... *Whosoever***

- Every one of you stands out just as plainly before the Lord as though you were the only man, woman, or child on earth.
- So God adds here another word, [whosoever](#), that is also universal, but with this difference between the two:
- [“world” is collectively universal](#), that is, it takes all people in the mass;
- [“whosoever” is handed out, distributed, universally, that is, it takes everyone out of the mass, and holds him up separately before the Lord.](#)

## Additional Scriptures to read:

[John 17:3](#) And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

[2Pet. 3:9](#) The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

[1Tim. 2:3](#) For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,  
[1Tim. 2:4](#) who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.