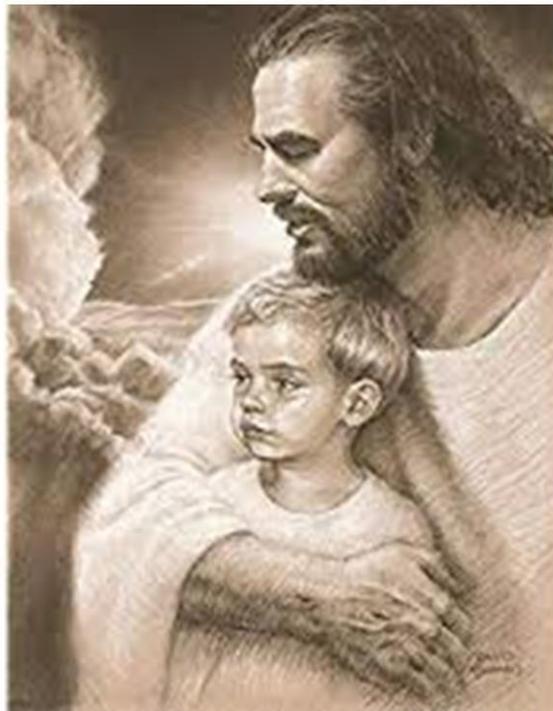


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**Sermon No 20**  
**God So Loved**



**He gave His only Begotten Son**

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**B&S** The title for my sermon is. **God So Loved**

Bible reading John Ch3v16

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Amen*

B&S You know as Pastors we often preach about **Jesus Christ** and Him Crucified and that's good. We preach on The Need to be Born Again and that is good. We preach on the Cross, the Parables, Psalms, Miracles & Healings. But I wonder do we really consider or pay attention to those 3 words **God So Loved?**

Those 3 words refer to God the Father.

The first page in our Bible Genesis Ch1v1 starts.

**In The Beginning God.** That refers to God the Father. When Jesus was speaking to His Disciples He told them how to pray. *Pray our Father which art in Heaven hallowed be Thou Name.* In other words, He was saying, don't address your prayers to Me Jesus, or to St Peter, or The Virgin Mary, that honour only belongs to My Father in Heaven, In the Beginning God Created, and then our Bible begins. Gen ,Exo, Lev, Numb, Deut, Joshua, Judges

And Ruth and so forth. Right through to Malachi. Those are the books of the Old Testament.

39 Books in all. Now from Malachi to Matthew we have a time gap of 400 years. Every book in the Old Testament is a paving stone for the New.

**For God So Loved** that He gave us the Old.

He created the Heavens and the Earth. He opened seas, He stopped rivers running, He made the Sun not to go down for Joshua. He raised up mighty men like Moses, Gideon, Sampson, and women like Deborah, Ruth, Rachel. He rose up Prophets, & Kings. Each and every one a brick, every event a nail, the wars, the famines and the persecutions is all because **God So Loved**.

But why all those years? Why all those people?

Why all those events? **WHY?** Because they all lead up to a certain day that is found in Luke Ch2v11.

*Today in the City of David a Saviour has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord.* Amen Now please

note what God the Father is saying to you here.

For God So Loved His Son? No For God so loved

the Planet Earth? No The Mountains, rivers,

oceans, the animals. No He is saying God So Loved

The World that is you, that is me, He so loved you

and me it cost Him His son. Why did Jesus come to this sin cursed Earth? Why did He leave the glories of Heaven to be born onto this Earth?

For you and for me. Amen

*Today in the City of David a Saviour has been born to you. Who is this little Baby that was born to us?*

He is God's only begotten Son the Lord Jesus Christ. He is Christ the Lord. At His Baptism the Father said this is My beloved Son of whom I am well pleased. On the mount of Transfiguration His father refused Peter James and John to build alters for Moses and Elijah. He said This is my son hear ye Him. **For God So Loved.**

We cannot measure God's love for us, there is no way that our minds can understand or

comprehend God's Love. He is our Father who is in Heaven, and He gave us His Son **Jesus Christ**

because He loves us so much. I wonder do we really understand what God has done for us?

Jesus talked about His Father many times, words like. *And this is the Father's will who has sent Me.*

He says in Matthew Ch 5v16 *Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise YOUR Father in Heaven. Amen.*

Jesus didn't want any glory for Himself, He wanted all that to go to His Father. Jesus loved His Father and His Father loved Him. Yet He loves us so much that He gave His Son up as a ransom for our sins. WOW. **To me that is true love.**

Imagine that I was a brilliant painter, and I have a family, and I love my family. Now I also love my paintings. Let's say I am put to the test, I have to make a choice between sacrificing my family or my paintings, and I choose to sacrifice my family. My Son. You would say I was crazy to sacrifice my son for a painting. You see I created those paintings, I made them. Oh they may be lovely, but they are only a lot of all sorts of colours slapped on to a piece of canvas.

Surely they are not worth sacrificing my Son For I love my son and He Loves Me.

**B&S** We are all created by God, a lot of all sorts, Chinese, Russians, Africans, Americans, French, British all slapped on to this world that He created, YET God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son. Amen

God the Father gave us Jesus, to the whosoever. Amen. He is here for anyone.

**B&S** The Father restored Jesus back from the dead. *I am He that liveth and was dead, behold I am alive forevermore* Revelation Ch1v18

**B&S** Our Saviour was victorious over death. He was so good a Son, that He was sinless. That means that he never at any time in His 33 years of living on planet Earth He never committed any kind of sin. He was pure, spotless, right from birth, right from that day in Bethlehem when God the Father gave us a Saviour.

**He came to save His children.**

We are all like sheep going astray, wandering, we liked to do our own thing, we needed a shepherd.

**But Who?** David was a good shepherd, he wasn't afraid of the Lions, the Bears or the Giants, but not David good an all as he was, he was not good enough. **God So Loved** everyone here in this room that He gave us His Heart, He gave us His Blood, He gave us His body, He gave us His all.

**B&S** He emptied Himself for us all because of His great love for us. He gives us our daily bread, we breathe His Oxygen, we walk His planet, He meets our every need, and yet He had to cry from the Cross. ***Father why has Thou forsaken Me,*** His Son

shouted that from the Cross. **WHY?**

**B&S** If you listen closely with your mind you will hear the Father's voice saying to His son, **For Them**, You must die for them. And the son replies, *Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.* **For God So Loved**

God is Love and He loves everybody, unfortunately not everybody loves Him. If you can say that you love God then that is a Big Bonus.

We can never love God the way He loves us.

His love is called Agape or Agapie. It means, Love beyond measure. You can say I love my husband, He loves you more, I love my wife He loves you more, I love my Children, He loves you more.

There can be a person or something that you Idolise, He loves you more. God the Father needs to be glorified, He needs to be lifted up, He needs you to tell Him that you love Him. **Do You Love Him?** It was God the Father who gave us Jesus.

**B&S** I couldn't give up any of my family for anything. Sometimes they annoy me, they can get under my skin at times I could see them far enough. But when the rubber hits the road, I love them.

**B&S** If there was a choice between them or me to suffer or die, I would gladly take their place.

**God so loved** us so much that He gave the ultimate sacrifice. We would all be willing to die in place of our sons our daughters or grandchildren, but God did the opposite, He gave us more than that, He Himself would not have been the ultimate sacrifice. There was one in Heaven very dear to Him, one He loved with all His heart.

He only had one, it was His only begotten son whose name is Jesus Christ, and God the Father loves you and I so much that He gave us His best. He made the ultimate sacrifice. **B&S** that act of love didn't cost us anything, it cost God the Father everything. He gave us His best, He gave us His heart, He gave us Heaven itself. That price was paid for us, **You and Me at Calvary.**

**For God So Loved.** Friends don't think that you can get to Heaven by living a good life. There is no possible way that you will even see Heaven.

Man cannot justify himself before our God.

That is why God gave us His best. Friends Jesus Christ is your ticket to Heaven. Reject Him and you are rejecting God the Father's offer.

*This is My Beloved Son Hear Ye Him.*

Listen to Jesus friends, come as you are, no one is better than the next, we are all sinners saved by Grace. There was a day when we all had to say, **Lord Forgive Me For My Sins.**

**B&S** These are the words that God wants to hear. Simple people asking for His forgiveness. REPENT. And He will put His Spirit in you, changing you, making you a better person. Now is the accepted time. All because **God So Loved..** Amen

*No One Cares  
The Way Jesus Cares*

*Just a smile from the Shepherd brings comfort and peace  
Just a touch heals and eases my pain  
For my Shepherd to me is my love and my life  
And I praise Him again and again  
No-one else in this world of trouble and strife  
Would care the way Jesus cares  
No-one else in this world could compete with His gifts  
No-one shares the way Jesus shares  
In my life He is all that I'll ever need  
Let Him ask and I will obey  
If He wants me to go to the ends of the earth  
Then I'll say, "Lord just show me the way."  
When I think of the cross stained deep red by His blood  
And the wonderous works He has done  
Then I gratefully say to the King of all Kings  
"Thank you God for Jesus your Son."*

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