



HOW DEEP IS “HIS” LOVE?

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JOHN 3:16 NKJV – (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.

A love so deep, we could never imagine the debt! For it is a.....

DECLARATION of love. A decision made about our state of eternity before the existence of what we know as time. The death of Christ was in the predetermined program of God - planned before the foundation of the world. It is a crucial element in God's eternal plan to save humanity from their sins. It was not an isolated event. (**Galatians 1:3-4**)

DEMONSTRATION of love. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus showed His love for others by blessing and serving the poor, the sick, and the distressed. He told His disciples, “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you” (**John 15:12**)

DETERMINATION of love. In his agony in Gethsemane Jesus prayed three times for a way around his suffering: “Yet not as I will, but as you will.... may your will be done.” (**Matthew 26:39,42**) The only way for the purpose of God to be accomplished is through the pain and suffering of the Cross.

DEDICATION of love. Jesus himself said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.” (**Matthew 22:37-39**)

An example we demonstrate by listening and following Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 41:13

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"True love does not leave you a choice."