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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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What keeps me going?

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.

For **GOD** – (The eternal being, the Supreme Being, the principal object of faith, the very One who created and preserves the world. My Father, my Lord of righteousness, my Teacher, my Master).

So **LOVED** – (He is love, and demands a total gift of self! His love is deep- sacrificial, life giving love)!

The **WORLD** – (It is one thing to give a chance to one who is so unworthy, but to never give up on those who either never thought of Him, never took Him in to consideration or even considered Him worthless. Never the less, He gave His life for a wretch like me). He **GAVE** – (One of the great marks of a Christian is to be a giver and not a taker. Are you a giver, or are you a taker? Don't you love the fact that Jesus didn't come to earth and say, "Give me this! Give me that! Give me this! Give me that!" He said, "I give life. I give love. I give grace. I give mercy. I give compassion. I give salvation. I give forgiveness. I'm a giver." The heart of Jesus is giving, and when we give we are following in his example).

His only begotten **SON** - (He is not just the only begotten Son of the Father, for He is also the eternally *begotten* Son of the Father. He is eternally "in His bosom," yet always "going forth" to "declare" the Father-- once as the creating Word, occasionally in pre-incarnate theophany's, also through the Holy Spirit conveying God's written Word (which had been "eternally settled in heaven" [Psalm 119:89], down to man through divinely chosen prophets then, ultimately, appearing as the incarnate Word to live forever as the God/man). That **WHOSOEVER** – ("My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim that you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people more than others? God shows no favoritism or partiality, and the Bible teaches us that we should not either." God wants people of all nations to repent and be saved) (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4). **BELIEVES IN HIM** – (Do you know Him or do you just accept what is said? The spirit of a man searches past his intellect and knowledge to discover his Creator). **SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE** – (This assures us that if we simply put our trust in our great Creator who became a man in order to die for our sins, and then defeated death to become our Savior, our sins will be forgiven and we shall live forever with Him). This is what keeps me going! **JESUS DID IT!**

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:8

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: When we refer to "God's love," we refer to the unselfish giving of Himself to us, which brings about blessing in our lives--no matter how unlovable we might be.

SOHL's mission is to sow God's word into the hearts of men and women that will propel them to their God-given destiny.

