

GOD DEFINES LOVE

JOHN 3:16

Please personalize answers to the questions in the lesson by answering “I”, not “you”!

LOVE THAT PLANS—“For God so loved the world.” God created the masses of people (the world) and He loved each individual, from the vilest of sinners to the humblest of servants. Because of the very essence of His character (love), before eternity existed, God made plans to go and offer salvation to the world. (**John 3:16, fn 3:16[1st], Acts 17:24-31, fn 17:27, 28, I John 2:2, fn 2:2[2nd], Romans 5:6-8, fn 5:6, fn 5:8, Acts 2:22, 23, fn 2:23, Matthew 9:35-38, fn 9:36, fn 9:37, 38**) *Knowing that all your goodness without Christ is described as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6) why did He save you?*

LOVE THAT SACRIFICES—“He gave His only Son.” The barriers that separate you from God and prevent a relationship with Him are God’s righteousness and our sin. God, because of His great love, has removed the barriers for those who believe. He has taken our sin and putting it upon His Son, Jesus, on the cross and has given us His righteousness and eternal life with Himself. (**John 3:16, fn 3:16[2nd], Hebrews 9:12, 22-28, fn 9:12, fn 9:24-28, Romans 4:25, fn 4:25, II Corinthians 5:21, fn 5:21, Colossians 1:12-14, fn 1:12-14**) *How does Jesus’s sacrifice for you affect your personal life?*

LOVE THAT PROVIDES—“That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” Not only did God plan for you and sacrifice for you, He provides for you by giving you new life, Jesus’ very own life. When you believe, He pours Himself (His Holy Spirit) into you and enables you to begin to experience a taste of eternal life even now, guaranteeing the life that is to come. (**John 3:16, fn 3:16[3rd], John 14:15-20, fn 14:17ff, Ephesians 2:4-9, fn 2:8, 9, Romans 5:5, fn 5:5, 6, Romans 8:11, fn 8:11, Ephesians 1:13, 14, fn 1:13, 14**) *How does the presence of the Holy Spirit guarantee you eternal life?*

*Check up—How is your relationship with your neighbor, your spouse, and your Lord?
Do your actions show that you are being led by the Holy Spirit?*

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