

# GOD'S GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU!

Rick Warren Christmas Day Fireside Message 2019

JOHN 3:16 - THE GREATEST VERSE IN THE BIBLE

"For <u>G</u>od so loved the world that HE GAVE his <u>O</u>nly begotten <u>S</u>on, that whosoever believes in him should not <u>P</u>erish but have <u>E</u>verlasting <u>L</u>ife." (κJV)

## 1. THE GREATEST

"God SO loved the world..."

"Long before he laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of his love." Ephesians 1:4 (MSG)

"The Lord is good to <u>everyone</u>. He <u>showers compassion</u> on <u>all</u> his creation."
Psalm 145:9-10 (NLT)

"<u>Nothing</u> in all creation is able to separate us from <u>the love of God</u> that is <u>in</u> <u>Christ Jesus.</u>" Romans 8:39 (NIV)

"May you be able to feel and understand... how <u>long</u>, how <u>wide</u>, how <u>deep</u>, and how <u>high</u> God's love really is <u>and experience</u> this love for yourselves..." Ephesians 3:18-19 (LB)

#### 2. THE GREATEST

"...that he GAVE his only begotten Son..."

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

Jesus: "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." John 14:9 (NLT)

"God <u>put his love on the line</u> for us by offering his Son in <u>sacrificial death</u> while we were of no use whatever to him." Romans 5:8 (NIV)

"When Jesus served as a sacrifice for our sins, he solved the sin problem for good—not only ours, but the whole world's." John 2:2 (MSG)

"God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (LB)

## 3. THE GREATEST

"that WHOEVER BELIEVES in him should NOT perish"

"The free gift of eternal salvation is offered to everyone." Titus 2:11 (LB)

"It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open." Acts 10:35 (MSG)

"If you <u>CONFESS</u> with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and <u>BELIEVE</u> in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

"I did not come to judge the world, but to save it." John 12: 47 (NIV)

## 4. THE GREATEST

"but have EVERLASTING LIFE!"

"Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a <u>brand-new life</u> and have <u>everything to live for</u>, including a <u>future in</u> <u>heaven</u>, and the future <u>STARTS NOW!</u>" 1 Peter 1:3-4 (MSG)

"God's unchanging plan has always been to <u>adopt us into his own family</u> by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

"Right now God is ready to welcome you. Today he is ready to save you!" 2 Corinthians 6:2 (LB)