

# Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

April, 8, 2020

## Notes on John 3:16

***“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”***

Even though we were on a conference call, we all read the verse in unison.

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Pastor Tom then shared 7 components of John 3:16 from sermons Pastor Jon had preached. We can refer back to these as we examine this vital verse word for word.

1. God's Love is expressive in action- “He so loved, that he gave..”
2. God's Love is extraordinary in its choice- “God so loved the world”
3. God's Love is expressive in its sacrifice- “...gave His only begotten Son”
4. God's Love is extensive in its offer- “...that whosoever”- to anyone
5. God's Love is exclusive in its bestowments- “...that whosoever” - if you believe
6. God's Love is exceptional in its work- “...should not perish” - agony of that word
7. God's Love is eternal in its benefits- “...But have eternal life” - that's forever!

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Pastor Tom began with “For **God**...” so we can understand the fundamental Biblical truth of who God is.

He then asked us to turn to Genesis 1:1 focusing on who this God is that we believe in:

*“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”*

\*This is God who existed before anything was created and who created everything that was created.

\*The name for God here in Hebrew is Elohim (general name for God) and is a plural noun in form, but singular in meaning referring to the true God.

Next we looked at Genesis 1:26

*“And God said, Let **us** make man in our image, after **our** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”*

\*The words **us** and **our** imply the trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is present in the creation of man.

We moved on to Genesis 2:4

“These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the **Lord God** made the earth and the heavens,”

\*The Hebrew word for LORD is Jehovah (meaning provider)

Finally, we looked at John 1:1-3

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** The same was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.”*

\* Pastor Tom explained that Jesus/Word was with God and was God in the beginning.

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This led to a discussion of the Trinity and the foundation of faith in what we believe about God, Jesus and the Holy Ghost.

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The following chart is another way to organize our understanding of the material Pastor Tom’s presented.

## Who God is:

<b>Bible Reference</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Reference to God</b>
Genesis 1:1	<i>“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”</i>	<p>*This is God who existed before anything was created and who created everything that was created.</p> <p>*The name for God here in Hebrew is Elohim (general name for God) and is a plural noun in form, but singular in meaning referring to the true God.</p>
Genesis 1:26	<i>“And God said, Let <b>us</b> make man in our image, after <b>our</b> likeness:</i>	*The words <b>us</b> and <b>our</b> imply the trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is present in the creation of man.
Genesis 2:4	<i>“These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the <b>Lord God</b> made the earth and the heavens,”</i>	*The Hebrew word for LORD is Jehovah (meaning provider)
John 1:1-3	<i>“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <b>2</b> The same was in the beginning with God. <b>3</b> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”</i>	*Tom explained that Jesus/Word was with God and was God in the beginning.

I would like to thank Pastor Jon & Jill for helping by sharing these notes and hope they are helpful for this Bible Study.