

The Greatest Verse

TEXT: John 3:13-18

INTRODUCTION:

- A. SOME SAY THE GREATEST VERSE IS **John 3:16**.
- B. CERTAINLY ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN AND MOST QUOTED.
- C. IT CONTAINS SOME OF THE GREATEST THINGS.

I. THE GREATEST BEING – GOD.

- A. CREATOR OF ALL THINGS (**Acts 14:15-17; 17:24-25, 28**).
- B. **Gen. 1:3**. THE POWER OF HIS WORD.
 - 1. To Create (**Heb. 11:3; Psa. 33:6-9**).
 - 2. To Change Us (**1 Thess. 2:13**).
 - 3. To Save us (**Rom. 1:16-17; Jas. 1:21**).

II. THE GREATEST THING – LOVE.

- A. GOD IS LOVE (**1 John 4:8; 3:1**).
- B. A LOVE THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING (**Eph. 3:17-19**).
- C. THE GREATEST GIFT (**1 Cor. 12:31; 13:13**).
 - 1. We must love God (**Matt. 22:36-40; 1 John 5:3**).
 - 2. We must love each other (**1 John 3:16-17**).

III. THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE – THE WORLD.

- A. ALL PEOPLE HAVE A COMMON NEED (**1 Cor. 10:13; Rom. 3:23; 6:23**).
- C. GOD LOVES ALL THE SAME (**2 Pet. 3:9; Titus 2:11-12; Acts 10:34-35**).
- D. ALL MUST GIVE ANSWER (**Rom. 14:10-12**).

IV. THE GREATEST SACRIFICE – HIS SON.

- A. GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS (**John 15:13**).
BUT GOD GAVE HIS SON (**John 3:16; Rom 5:8**).
- B. JESUS DID GIVE HIMSELF TO DIE (**John 10:17-18**).
- C. JESUS DIED FOR ALL – THEREFORE ALL DIED (**2 Cor. 5:14-15**).
 - 1. All have access – but it is conditioned (**Rom. 6:3-7**).
 - 2. Every man (**Heb. 2:9; 1 Tim. 2:3-4**).

V. THE GREATEST RESPONSE – WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH – FAITH.

- A. WHAT IS FAITH? (**Heb. 11:6**).
 - 1. Belief that **HE** is.
 - 2. And the he is the REWARDER (**2 Tim. 2:11-13**). – **TRUST**.
- B. CAN'T BE SAVED WITHOUT IT (**Heb. 11:6; Mark 16:16**).
- C. **Rom. 10:17**. PRODUCT OF PERSUASION FROM THE BIBLE (**Acts. 17:2-3; 18:4**).
- D. THE CHARACTER OF OUR FAITH (**2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 11:1**). No room for doubt.
- E. NOT BY FAITH ONLY (**James 2:26, 24**).

VI. THE GREATEST TRAGEDY – PERISH.

- A. WHAT IT MEANS TO BE LOST (**Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1, 12**).

B. SUFFERING (**Mark 9:47-48**).

1. Worse than “down in the dumps.”
2. A lake of fire (**Rev. 20:14-15**, 10) **FOREVER!**

C. A RECKONING (**2 Cor. 5:10**).

VII. THE GREATEST BLESSING – ETERNAL LIFE.

A. A RESURRECTION (**John 5:28-29**; **1 Pet. 1:3**).

B. A BETTER “BODY” (**2 Cor. 5:1**; **1 Cor. 15:53**; **Phil. 3:20-21**).

C. A GREAT REUNION (**1 Thess. 4:13-18**). EVER WITH THE LORD.

D. BUT WE MUST OBEY (**Heb. 3:18-19**; **4:11**; **5:8-9**).

CONCLUSION:

A. A WONDERFUL VERSE.

B. A FAVORITE OF MANY.

C. MEANS NOTHING IF WE DON'T **TRUST AND OBEY**.