

## **“True Love”**

*John 3:16*

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*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life”*

### 1. God Defines Love.

*“God so loved...”*

*“God is love” (1 John 4:9)*

### 2. Love Is Governed by Truth.

*“love...rejoices in truth” (1 Corinthians 13:6)*

*“Let love and truth never leave you” (Proverbs 3:3)*

*“speaking the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15)*

### 3. Love Is Supernatural.

*“love is from God” (1 John 4:7)*

*“the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us” (Romans 5:5)*

### 4. Love Is Other-Oriented.

*“the world...whosoever”*

*“love...does not seek its own” (1 Corinthians 13:4-5)*

### 5. Love Is Impartial.

*“the world”*

*“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.... while we were enemies” (Romans 5:8, 10)*

*“if you show partiality, you are committing sin” (James 2:9)*

6. Love Is Sacrificial.  
“that He gave”

*“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13)*

7. Love Is an Action.  
“gave”

*“love suffers long...” (1 Corinthians 13:4; NKJ)*

8. Love Gives the Best.  
“His only begotten Son”

9. Love Is Eternal.  
“should...have eternal life”

*“love never ends” (1 Corinthians 13:8; ESV)*

10. The Greatest Act of Love in Human History  
Was the Sacrificial Death of Jesus Christ.  
*“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10)*