

Gospel Lighthouse Church
8/4/24
“Faith, Family and Friends Day”

Text: John 3:16.

Introduction: Faith, family and friends day is an opportunity to celebrate the importance of these three key pillars in our lives. It's a time to strengthen relationships and highlight the value of others. Our text summarizes a threefold expression of God's love and stands at the forefront and motivation of all outreach to others. God loves is:

1. Unique— “For God so loved;” “Gave His Son.”
 - a. Incomprehensible-beyond our ability to understand/comprehend but can experience.
 - b. Immeasurable—beyond measure.
 - c. Invaluable—priceless toward others.

2. Universal-inclusive.
 - a. “The world” and “whoever believes.” It's a personal promise to everyone.
 - b. Its starts where we are and helps us grow toward our potential.
 - c. It's the core of God's message to declare to others. Must remain at the forefront of our hearts, minds and actions.
 - No one's behavior can erase God's love. If one chooses to be lost it doesn't change the truth of God's love.

3. Unmerited/unearned.
 - a. Humanity (the world) was in a perishing condition when God demonstrated such love.
 - b. Its God's saving, sacrificial and giving love requiring one thing only, receiving in faith a new kind of life.
 - c. It's a love that cannot be earned but desires the best for others—value statement.

There is much bad news today, but no news compares to the good news declared in our text. God is consistent as stated in Genesis 1:26-27, God has been intricately involved. Jesus is called Immanuel/Emmanuel, “God with us,” to touch, save and have relationship—Matthew 1:23. This kind of love builds faith, changes families and makes friends.

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