

Scripture: John 3:16c

I. The Love of God is Personal

A. That

1. Conjunction introducing a purpose clause
2. Modern equivalent would be "so that"

B. Whosoever

1. *Pas* = 1228 X
 - a. "Whosoever," "all," "every"
 - b. Means = the total collective but also every individual in the collective
 - c. Found in **2 Tim. 3:16**
 - d. Other passages including the word *pas* concerning salvation
 - i. **Heb 2:9 (tasted death for all)**
 - ii. **2 Peter 3:9; 1 Tim 2:4 (God desires all be saved)**
 - iii. **1 Tim 4:10 (Savior of all)**
 - e. God loves the whole world and every individual within the world
2. No limits on who may believe
 - a. **Acts 10:34 (No partiality or favoritism)**
 - b. **Gal 3:28 (Jew/Greek, free/slave, male/female)**

C. Believes

1. "Trust"
2. 3 Aspects
 - a. Confidence in Jesus (John 3:14-15)
 - b. Commitment to Jesus ("in")
 - c. Communion with Jesus

D. In Him

1. The Son

a. Jesus

- i. We can have confidence because he is the Lord of all creation. He holds all things together (**Col. 1:15-17**)
- ii. We can commit to him because he wants what is best for us and is not abusive. He is trustworthy. (**Jer. 29:11; Matt. 11:28-30; Ps. 9:10**)
- iii. We can draw near to him because he has drawn near to us and beckons us to fellowship. (**Heb 4:16; 10:22**)

This morning, if you have not accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, STOP. Stop trying to earn something you can never earn. Stop trying to guard something you can never have apart from Christ. Stop resisting the work of the Holy Spirit who imparts saving faith. Stop it all and just trust in the God who loves you sooo much and Jesus Christ his Son who came so that you might have life.