

## God First Loved Us... In His Son

John 3:16-17

### Introduction:

1. Continuing our series on God first loved us. Illustration, Parents sacrificing their lives for their kids (not comparable but similar)
2. Jesus Christ is the central focus throughout the Bible and it is all because of God's love that we can even discuss this
3. Focusing on God's love towards us can be a good motivator in life when times get tough God's

### Body:

#### I. Gift of His Son is Eternal in Purpose

- A. Ephesians 1:3-6
- B. "The gift that keeps on giving"
- C. Jesus was pre-purposed by God

#### II. The Hope of a Messiah

- A. Reassures God's word (He kept His Promise)
- B. Genesis 3:15- the need of a Messiah
- C. Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 28:13-15\*

#### III. The Culmination of the Messiah

- A. Galatians 3:16- Gives strength and security
- B. Acts 2:32-36; Ephesians 1:18-23

#### IV. The Return of the Messiah

- A. John 14:3- Gives hope for tomorrow...
- B. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Emphasis on 18)

### Conclusion:

1. God is so good, He is so good to me...we sing this song and this short section taken from the song, implies so much.
2. We have looked at God's love in His creation, in His Law, and now in His Son
3. So the question is what are we going to do about it? Next week we will answer that Question, "Since God loved Us...."
4. Invitation