

4 Essential Words

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John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Rom 2:4

God's kindness leads you toward repentance

Lam 3:22-23

22 Because of the Lord's great love (mercies) we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning;

4 ESSENTIAL WORDS:

1. GOD LOVED

"For God so loved the world..."

From Greek word "Agape":

- ❑ to love without condition
- ❑ to love without regard for love returned
- ❑ to love based on high regard for an individual's inherent value

2. GOD GAVE

"... that he gave his one and only Son..."

Agape:

- ❑ an active love ("Love is a Verb" - Steven Covey)

Eph 5:25 "love as Christ loved the church"

Romans 5:8

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

3. WE BELIEVE

"... that whoever believes in him shall not perish "

Rom 10:9

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Matt 13:57-58

57 Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." 58 And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

4. WE LIVE

"... that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 10:10

[Jesus said] "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."