



## *Pastor's Comments*

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# The Greatest Message

Luther called John 3:16 “the heart of the Bible – **the Gospel in miniature.**” It’s so simple a child can understand it; yet it condenses the deep and **marvelous truths of redemption** into these few pungent words:

- “**God**” .....Greatest Lover
- “**So loved**” .....Greatest degree
- “**The world**” .....Greatest number
- “**That He gave**” .....Greatest act
- “**His only begotten Son**” Greatest Gift
- “**That whosoever**” ...Greatest invitation
- “**Believeth**” .....Greatest simplicity
- “**In Him**” .....Greatest Person
- “**Should not perish**” ..Greatest deliverance
- “**But**” .....Greatest difference
- “**Have**” .....Greatest certainty
- “**Everlasting Life**” ...Greatest possession

Some years ago, I was asked to speak to a dying man following a church service in a convalescent home. The family had been called together and told that he was dying. They asked if I would speak to him about salvation and explained that he appeared to be very fearful. He could not speak because of a stroke years before. I explained to him **why Jesus came** to this world and briefly told him **how to accept Christ.** Then I asked him to **pray in his heart** and led him in a sinner’s prayer. After prayer, his son said, “Dad, if you prayed that in your heart, would you squeeze my hand?” **He did.** Then to everyone’s amazement, he **reached over and took my hand** and gave it a good **strong squeeze!** Several days later, I was asked to conduct his funeral and there the family told me how **changed** his disposition was after he had received Christ. His fears had left him, and he died in peace.

Have you responded to **the greatest message** in the world?

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