

## For God so loved

I was listening to a song while we were getting ready to start our bible study last week called "Holy God".

And in that song they talked about God being holy but it also talked about how God loves us and cares for us.

He's:

Romancing,

Pursuing,

Reclaiming to restore,

Releasing hearts,

Transforming lives.

All of these words romancing, pursuing, reclaiming, releasing, transforming. Our words someone would use when they really care about some.

So many of us are hearts are broken, we don't feel loved. And so we put up bearers or walls when someone may even shows a very inkling of love to us. Because they're afraid of being hurt again.

But to love or be loved, you have to take risks. To open yourself up and say here am I, I'm opening myself up to you, all that I am and all that I may ever be for love.

And that's hard to do, why do we do that. Because our human nature tells us that we don't want to be alone. We need someone to walk through this life with, to share with, to be with, to love, to comfort, to enjoy life with.

So to fill that void in our heart, we started looking in all the wrong places for love.

We try to find it in sex, drugs, alcohol. These only mask that void we have in our heart it doesn't really fill it.

Where do we find that love that passes all understand, at will fill that void, that will make us happy?

“for God so loved” the scriptures tell us.

How do I know that God really loves?

“He gave”

So what did he give that I can’t get from someone else?

He gave from the very being of himself.

“His only”

He gave the one thing he cherished the most.

“His only son”

What kind of love is this that someone could give up the very thing he cherished above all other?

“That who so ever”

Is He talking to me? Yes you.

“believes in me”

This is opening up someone’s heart, to be vulnerable to someone. Part of love is believing in that in that person, putting your trust in that person. putting everything you are into that person.

“shall have everlasting life”

That means to me, that you’re never goanna leave me, that you’re always going to care for me, and that you love me forever.

The scriptures tell us that there is no greater love than when someone lays down his life for another.

Today I am here to tell you that there is someone who loves you, who cares about you, who wants to be with you forever.

All you have to do is accept Him. And he will love you forever.

This love is told to was from the word of God in John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

If you'd like to have the love today, his arms are open wide urging you to come near. Accept his love, that unfathomable love that only god can give.

All we have to do is accept it and believe.

I can guarantee you his love will never hurt you, we'll never run away, but will always be there.

If you'd like to accept his love today pray this prayer with Sister Kathy.