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# THE BRIEF

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## He Gave His Only Begotten Son

Our Creator has always allowed us freedom to decide whether to trust Him, or reject what He advises. Because He loves us, He gave us laws and commandments that led to happiness and prosperity. To date, the history of the world has recorded the consequences of breaking these instructions, and the division and disharmony it has caused. In order to restore balance and lasting happiness, someone had to volunteer to represent God's willingness to do whatever it takes to reconcile everyone,

*Greater love has no one than this; than to lay down one's life for his friends* (John 15:13; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).

Through Christ's willingness to give up his life for us, we experience the love that the Father has for all of us; because no parent wants to witness/experience the death of their child. And, it is even harder when your child has been completely obedient, and without sin during their lifetime,



To Know the Love of God which Passes Knowledge *For God* (the Father) *so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him* (including his teachings) *should not perish* (forever; cf. Jn. 11:25) *but have everlasting life* (John 3:16; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

*For we do not have a High Priest (Christ) who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tested as we are, yet without sin* (Hebrews 4:15; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

It is only by grasping the extent that both the Father and Son were willing to go in order to restore our relationship with them, that we can truly understand the meaning of "love",

*By this we know* (truly understand) *love, because he* (Christ) *laid down his life for us* (1John 3:16a; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Eventually, everyone will come to a deep understanding and appreciation of God's love, as expressed through the sacrifice of Christ. When this occurs, the family of Almighty God will be truly united and in harmony with one another; at which time...

*(you) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - <sup>19</sup>to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God* (Ephesians 3:18-19; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Amen