

## A Case Against Calvinism – Lesson 11

### The Question of God's Love

#### John 3:16

**Introduction:** There is a huge difference between Calvinism's view of God, sin, and salvation and that which is presented as the biblical teaching. The difference is "Calvinism's love," which isn't love at all.

After we get through the mountains of rationale and oceans of speculative theories the one thing that is blaringly obvious is that the God of Calvinism and the God of Scripture look very different. For me this complicated issue suddenly becomes quite simple when we ask the question, "Which God is the biblical One?" Is it the God of Calvinism, or the God of love who is not willing that any perish, but has given every individual the right to choose? There is no question which God rings true to the conscience that is given even to the unsaved. And this is the God of the Bible.

The teaching, that God is the cause of even the typist's error, could have a world without any sin or suffering or death, but for His own good pleasure chose the world of rampant evil and suffering as it is today, is a defamation of God's character. At the root of this deception is a denial of God's sincere love for man.

It took the Lover of Souls, the Lord Jesus Christ, to recognize the true value of ordinary-looking people like us. The love that God has for us is summarized in a nutshell in this well-known verse of the Bible.

#### I. The great expression of God's love.

A. It's \_\_\_\_\_ in its action.

1.

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B. It's \_\_\_\_\_ in its choice. "the world."

C. It's \_\_\_\_\_ in its sacrifice. "He gave His only begotten son"

D. It's \_\_\_\_\_ in its offer. "that whosoever."

E. It's \_\_\_\_\_ in its bestowment. "believeth in Him"

F. It's \_\_\_\_\_ in its work.

G. It's \_\_\_\_\_ in its blessedness.

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**II. The gross misrepresentation of God's love.**

A. Love – agapaō (ag-ap-ah'-o)

B. Calvinism's different kinds of love.

**III. The grievous deception about God's love.**

A. It is a sad deception.

B. It is a serious deception.