



Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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The most quoted scripture of all time is this one:

John 3:16 – *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*

God so loved. What kind of love is this - that God would so love the world that the Bible says is ruled by Satan?

2 Corinthians 4:3–4 – *“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*

John 3:19 – *“... the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.”*

Why would God move towards and love by sending His Son to die for those who love the darkness and do not love Him?

Agape - God’s own love. This is not *brotherly* love, even those without Christ have **phileo** love (brotherly love.) This is the highest level of love referenced in the Bible. This love is eternal and sacrificial. This love goes forth even if the giver does not receive the same level of love in return. This agape love is sacrificial love. The cross of Christ is the greatest example of this.

1 John 4:8–10 – *“The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

Thank you for the many prayers as a team of us traveled to St. Louis to distribute more than 16,000 gospel tracts to the thousands who had traveled to the city to watch the Cardinals and Yankees play America’s favorite sport.



We did not watch the game because we were way too busy (and hot!) distributing tracts and having spiritual conversations with those without Christ in these last days.

This comes from the agape love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5–6 – “.... and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.”

Also, please pray for the many radio stations we broadcast from across America. Thousands of people hear the truth of God’s Word daily through these venues. Your prayers are greatly appreciated as we explore, plan, and add more radio stations to our growing list. Thank you for making this possible!

Here is a listing of radio outlets which we use to share the gospel:

KWAM – The Mighty 990 where you can hear our 30-minute broadcast on 107.9FM and 990AM every Sunday morning at 7:30 A.M. You can livestream us at <https://mighty990.com/> or you can download The Mighty 990 app from your mobile phone to hear these messages.


BOTT RADIO NETWORK – You can hear our brief 2-minute “Encouraging Message” on the following stations: WCRV 640AM in Memphis, TN at 5:00 P.M. or livestream us in Memphis at the following link <https://bottradionetw.com/>. You can also hear us on Memphis stations 93.7FM and 100.7FM at 5:00 P.M. You can also download the Bott Radio app from your mobile phone to hear these messages.

Also included in our partnership with Bott Radio Network are the following stations in Nashville, TN 1160AM / 89.1FM and its surrounding coverage areas of Dickson, TN 91.5FM, Donelson, TN 107.1FM, Clarksville, TN 99.5FM, Gallatin, TN 93.9FM, Lebanon, TN 91.5FM airing at 5:30 P.M.

WILKINS RADIO NETWORK – WWNL 1080AM is located in Pittsburgh, PA. You can hear our “Encouraging Message” weekdays at 7:28 A.M. EST from their website at the following link <http://www.wilkinsradio.com/>.

God bless you, and make you a blessing to many, as we partner together in sharing the saving message of Jesus Christ!

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris S. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Colossians 3:1-3

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