

Most Holy Trinity  
Sunday, June 11, 2017

**John 3: 16-18**

Love is the very essence of this Gospel. It has been described as a love letter from God, written in blood and addressed to all.

The greatest gift of love was given to all humankind over two thousand years ago. The love of God for us is beyond our comprehension. He sent his son, His child, to give His life for us! Can you imagine?

Christ's life was a legacy of love. He healed the sick, He lifted the troubled and He saved the sinner. And yet, the very people He came to save are the ones that took His life. Even at the end, He asked his Father to forgive them, an expression of compassion and love.

Through the depth of our understanding of Jesus' love for us, we gain our ability to love others. If we allow the love of Jesus to touch us deeply we will give up our judgement of others, be quick to forgive wrongs, offer our kindness to everyone, regardless of race, creed, religion, lifestyle; raise each other up and go where there is hurt. Jesus laid down His life for us, would you do the same for another? His love for us is the same as it was 2000 years ago. Because we are loved by Him, we are called to love like Him. God is love and where there is love, there is God.

I believe in love. I often compare the unconditional love that I know my Mother had for me, as a tiny glimpse of what God's unconditional love for us is truly like.

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