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MID WEEK MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

# God So Loved

God's love did more than rescue us from sin: it brought us to the Father, gave us a new inheritance, and made us carriers of that love to others.

| SERMON TITLE                 | MINISTER                                                      |
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| God So Loved                 | Pastor Shane Schmidt                                          |
| DATE                         | PRIMARY SCRIPTURE                                             |
| Wednesday, February 25, 2026 | <a href="#">John 3:16</a> ; <a href="#">Ephesians 3:16-19</a> |

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## NOTES

## Truth to carry into the week.

### 01 God's love moved first and gave us salvation in Jesus.

- God did not send Jesus out of frustration with humanity; He gave His Son because He loved the world. ([John 3:16](#))
- The cross is God's clear demonstration of love: Christ died for us while we were still sinners. ([Romans 5:8](#))
- His love is everlasting, and His kindness is what draws people to Him. ([Jeremiah 31:3](#))

*"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."*

STUDY [John 3:16](#); [Romans 5:8](#); [Jeremiah 31:3](#)

### 02 Salvation brings us home to the Father and into His family.

- Everlasting life is more than a future destination; through Jesus, we are brought into relationship with the Father. ([John 14:6](#))

- In Christ, God chose us, blessed us, and adopted us according to the good pleasure of His will. ([Ephesians 1:3-5](#))
- As God's children, we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. ([Romans 8:16-17](#))

*"This is our inheritance: that we have a Father that loves us."*

STUDY [John 14:6](#); [Ephesians 1:3-5](#); [Romans 8:16-17](#)

### 03 Our deepest reason for rejoicing is that we belong to Christ.

- God's mercy has given us new birth, a living hope, and an inheritance that cannot decay or fade. ([1 Peter 1:3-6](#))
- Jesus told His disciples not to build their joy on ministry results, but to rejoice that their names are written in heaven. ([Luke 10:17-20](#))
- Signs, healing, and blessing are fruit; salvation itself is the root of lasting joy. ([Colossians 1:13-14](#))

*"In this you greatly rejoice."*

STUDY [1 Peter 1:3-6](#); [Luke 10:17-20](#); [Colossians 1:13-14](#)

### 04 God wants His love to be known by experience, not information alone.

- The Holy Spirit strengthens the inner person so Christ can settle down and make His home in the heart. ([Ephesians 3:16-17](#))
- Being rooted and grounded in love gives believers strength to grasp the breadth, length, depth, and height of Christ's love. ([Ephesians 3:17-19](#))
- God's love is not sustained by a passing feeling; faith rests on His character and the truth of His Word. ([1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#))

*"Can you let Him love you?"*

STUDY [Ephesians 3:16-19](#); [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#)

### 05 The love and mercy we receive must multiply through us.

- Forgiven people are called to forgive; mercy is not merely something to enjoy but something to extend. ([Colossians 3:12-13](#))
- Offense, unforgiveness, and unrighteous judgment contradict what God has planted in the heart. ([Ephesians 4:31-32](#))
- Jesus said the world would recognize His disciples by their love for one another. ([John 13:34-35](#))

- Love becomes visible when it moves beyond words into sincere action and truth. ([1 John 3:18](#))

*“We were forgiven so that we would forgive everybody else.”*

STUDY [Colossians 3:12-13](#); [Ephesians 4:31-32](#); [John 13:34-35](#); [1 John 3:18](#)

## 06 We become a river of God’s love to the people around us.

- What God pours into us is meant to flow outward like rivers of living water. ([John 7:38-39](#))
- Those reconciled to God are entrusted with the ministry and message of reconciliation. ([2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#))
- God works through the power within believers to accomplish more than they can ask, imagine, or produce alone. ([Ephesians 3:20-21](#))

*“We were made the object of God’s love for the purpose of becoming love.”*

STUDY [John 7:38-39](#); [2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#); [Ephesians 3:20-21](#)

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## How will you receive and share His love?

Where have you treated salvation mainly as a future destination instead of a present relationship with your Father?

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What would it look like for you to receive God's love by faith instead of waiting for a particular feeling?

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Is there an offense, judgment, or unforgiveness you need to release so God's mercy can multiply through you?

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Who needs to experience the love of God through one practical action you can take this week?

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