

3:16 Verses

Introduction:

- A. Jn.3:16– *“16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.”*
 - 1. We hear many sermons on this passage.
 - 2. We often see someone hold up a sign at ball games with this reference on it.
- B. Sometimes at these ball games they will hold up a sign that just says “3:16.”
 - 1. It is left to the viewer to know that John 3:16 is intended.
- C. But consider that there are other 3:16's.
- D. In this lesson we want to notice some of the other 3:16 passages of the N.T.

I. Matthew 3:16.

- A. Matt.3:16– *“16 And Jesus when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him;”*
- B. The importance of this event is seen in John's gospel – Jn.1:32-34.
- C. Note this is one of two occasions where God pronounces His pleasure with Jesus – Matt.3:17; 17:5.

II. Luke 3:16.

- A. Lk.3:16– *“16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but there cometh he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit and [in] fire:”*
- B. John is saying that Jesus will totally immerse – totally bury – them with the H.S.
 - 1. Not only will they receive the H.S. but they will receive the fulness of the H.S.
- C. This was literally fulfilled on the day of Pentecost – Acts 1:4,5; 2:1-4,17,18,33.

III. 1 Corinthians 3:16.

- A. 1 Cor.3:16– *“16 Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”*
- B. In the O.T. God was said to dwell among the Israelites in the Temple that Solomon built.
 - 1. Thus, the Jews would always pray toward Jerusalem (Daniel for example) since that was where God dwelt among them.
- C. In a figurative sense, we now are the Temple of God and He dwells among us.
 - 1. We are His temple, the place of His abode.
 - 2. His residence is with us and He is in our midst.
 - 3. 1 Cor.6:19; 2 Cor.6:16; Eph.2:20-22.
- D. The figure is a beautiful one, and very impressive.

IV. Galatians 3:16.

- A. Gal.3:16– *“16 Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, and to his seed. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.”*
- B. The promise here referred to was the promise to Abraham – Gen.22:17,18.
- C. Paul was showing the promise was to bless all nations through Jesus – cf.Matt.28:18-20.

V. Ephesians 3:16.

- A. Eph.3:16– *“16 that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man;”*

- B. *“according to the riches of his glory.”*
 - 1. “Abundance” – the idea here is that His grace is inexhaustible and ample for all our needs.
- C. *“that ye may be strengthened with power.”*
 - 1. God will grant us to be powerfully strengthened.
 - 2. Give us abundant strength to bear trials, to perform our duties, to glorify His name – Phil.4:13.
- D. *“in the inward man.”*
 - 1. In the heart, the mind, the soul.
 - 2. Every Christian needs God’s grace to enable him to bear trials, to resist temptation, to discharge his duty, to live a life of faith.

VI. Philippians 3:15,16.

- A. Phil.3:16– *“16 only, whereunto we have attained, by that same [rule] let us walk.”*
- B. Paul is encouraging us to keep on the same course of righteousness that brought us thus far.
- C. He is also encourage us all to walk by the same standard of righteousness – the will of God.

VII. Colossians 3:16.

- A. Col.3:16– *“16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms [and] hymns [and] spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God.”*
- B. Paul encourages us to be richly filled with the word of Christ and to teach it and admonish others with it in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
- C. It should be clear, then, that we are to be well instructed in the doctrine of Christ, that it should be our constant study, that it should be frequently preached, explained, and enforced among us.
- D. Paul’s simple instruction would exclude the playing of mechanical instruments of music, since such make noise and do not teach and admonish the hearts of men.

VIII. 1 Timothy 3:16.

- A. 1 Tim.3:16– *“16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the spirit, Seen of angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.”*
- B. A wonderful summary of the life of our Lord and Saviour.

IX. 2 Timothy 3:16.

- A. 2 Tim.3:16– *“16 Every scripture inspired of God [is] also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness.”*
- B. Notice Paul says **every** scripture is inspired of God.
 - 1. Not just those passages we agree with, but all of them.
- C. The idea is that all scripture is “God breathed.”
- D. God’s word is profitable for teaching us His will, for reproof (chastising those who err), for correction (for those interested in getting back on the proper course) and for instruction in righteousness (showing us how to live acceptably before the Lord in the future).

X. James 3:16.

- A. Jas.3:16– *“16 For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion and every vile deed.”*
- B. Whenever jealousy and faction enter in, there is confusion and turmoil in the church.
- C. Such is clearly NOT from God – 1 Cor.14:33.

XI. 2 Peter 3:16.

- A. 2 Pet.3:15,16– *“15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; 16 as also in all [his] epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as [they do] also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.”*
- B. There were some who were saying that the delay in the Lord coming to judge the world was evidence that He would never come.
- C. But Paul had made it plain in all his writings we are to regard the Lord’s delay in coming to judge the world, not as evidence He never will come, but proof of His desire we all should be saved.

XII. 1 John 3:16.

- A. 1 Jn.3:16– *“16 Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”*
- B. Because He laid down His life for us we know what love is and what the love of God is.
- C. We, too, should be ready to lay down our lives for the sake of our brethren.

XIII. Revelation 3:16.

- A. Rev.3:16– *“16 So because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth.”*
- B. Referring, perhaps, to the well known fact that lukewarm water tends to produce sickness at the stomach, and an inclination to vomit.
 - 1. The image is strong, and denotes deep disgust and loathing at indifference.
- C. What He says to them He says to all churches.

Conclusion:

- A. 2 Thess.3:16– *“16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all.”*