

<p> <p>◆For God so Loved . . .◆ ◆We've quoted this and similar verses so often that maybe their impact upon us has waned a bit in the repetition. ◆We have the habit of looking for formulas when only relationships will do. ◆We look for process when our Creator only seeks for us to possess.</p> <p>How often are you awed by God's love? ◆The truly remarkable thing is that our Lord knows us through and through, inside and out, and yet still sees something worth loving in each of us. ◆Of course that ◆something◆ is His knowledge of what we are capable of becoming - of being - if filled with His presence.</p> <p>◆</p> <p>To be filled though, one must surrender. ◆God will only send His loving flood through open doors! ◆Which causes me wonder about the aroma of submission. ◆It must be distinct! ◆The fragrance is captivating to God, every whiff reminding Him of His Son. ◆The very act of drawing in God the Holy Spirit is as flood waters rushing through a broken levee.</p> <p>Think about Saul on the road to Damascus, the stench of rebellion rising upward to God from Saul's heart. ◆Then envision Paul picking himself up out of the dust, broken and blind but with the sweet smell of submission making its way to God from his freshly changed heart. ◆God knew what Saul would be when overwhelmed by His Spirit - so He struck him down in love. ◆God blinded his eyes but gave him true sight.</p> <p>◆For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son . . .◆ ◆He gave His Son to be butchered so that once the sacrifice was accomplished we would finally have the ability to actually see light . . . to possess life . . . to know His amazing love!</p> <p>His love runs so incredibly deep for us. ◆That of course, is the reason that God Himself surrendered first! ◆He gave, so that we might have! ◆How long has it been since you've allowed God's amazing love to inspire you?</p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p> <p>- Dale</p> <div></div> </p>