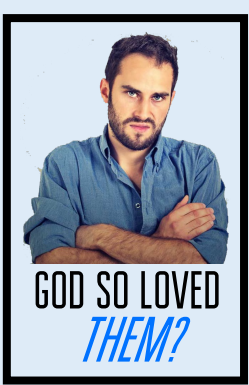


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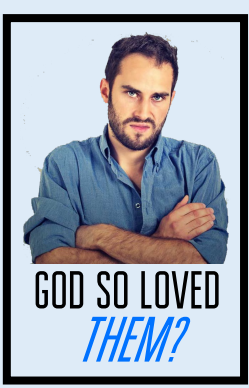
- Those Not Just Like Me

Luke 6:27-32

- The Jews' View of the Gentiles

**ACTS 22:17-22; ACTS 15; GALATIANS**

- Today, Arbitrary Lines Are Drawn



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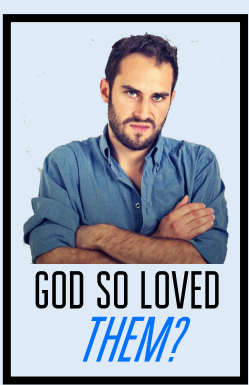
- Those Who Are My Enemies

- Those Who Oppose God and His People

**PHILIPPIANS 3:17-19**

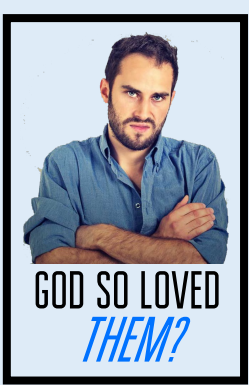
- We Don't Naturally Love Our Enemies

**MATTHEW 5:43**



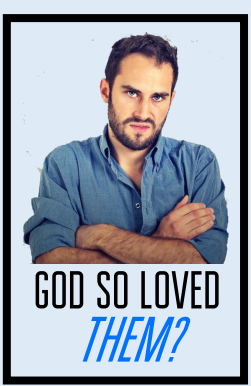
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- Those Still in Sin
  - Simon
    - LUKE 7:36-50; MATTHEW 9:9-11**
  - How We Sometimes View Sinners/Brethren



# When We Limit God's Love

- Those Guilty of CERTAIN Sins
  - Zacchæus
    - LUKE 19:1-7**
  - Sexual Sins, Murderers, etc.



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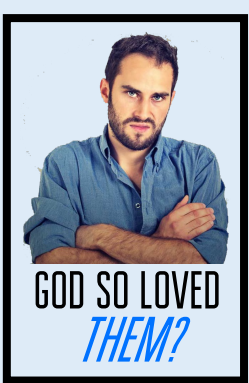
- God So Loved the WORLD

- He Desires That None Perish

**2<sup>ND</sup> PETER 3:9**

- So Much That He Gave His Son

**JOHN 3:16**



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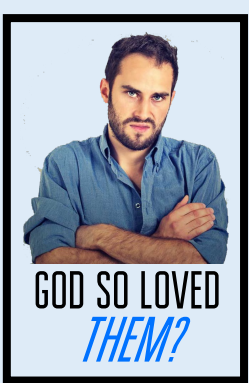
- God Loves ALL — Jew and Gentile

- The Gospel's Power to Save

**ROMANS 1:15, 16**

- The Scope of Salvation

**EPHESIANS 3:3-6; 2:11-16; GAL. 3:28**



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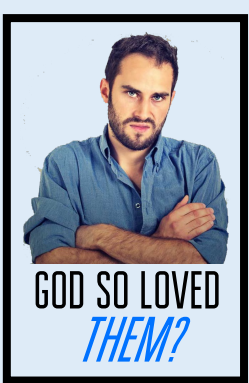
- God's Basic Care for Creation

**MATTHEW 5:43-46**

- He Reconciled Us While His Enemies!

**ROMANS 5:10**





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- God's Love Reaches Even the Worst Sinner

- Paul's Acknowledgment

**1<sup>ST</sup> TIMOTHY 1:12-17; ACTS 22:4, 5**

- Christ's Prayer

**LUKE 23:34; ROMANS 5:20, 21; 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 1:9;**

**PSALM 86:5**

