# THINGS

#### PHILIPPIANS 4:8

#### God So Loved The World

### THE MEDIATE CONTEXT

- The Conversation with Nicodemus
  - The Declaration of Nicodemus
  - The Reply & the Wonder
  - The Second Reply of Jesus
  - Truth/Light vs. Evil/Darkness

v. 2 vv. 3-9 vv. 10-17 vv. 18-21

John 3:14-21

# THE MEDIATE CONTEXT

- The More Immediate Context
  - The Serpent in the Wilderness
    That Whoever Believes
  - Why? Because God Loved Us!
  - We Are Already Condemned

vv. 14, 15 v. 15 vv. 16, 17 v. 18

John 3:14-21

- God's Love is AMAZING!
  - Despite/Because of Our Condition
  - Romans 3:10, 12, 23 – He Doesn't Demand What is Not Possible John 3:15, 16

- God's Love is BOUNDLESS!
  - The World!

**Rom.** 10:13; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 2:2; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 5:15; 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 2:5, 6 – Nothing Can Separate Us **Romans 8:39 ~ Luke 15:20** 

- God's Love Moved Him to Act
  - He Gave

#### John 3:16 — He Made Us Alive Again <u>Titus 3:4, 5; Colossians 2:12, 13</u>

- The Gift is PRICELESS!
  - A Question & Equation
  - Matthew 16:26; Ephesians 1:7; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:18, 19 – Eternal Life!

John 3:16; Romans 6:23b

#### WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US • We Will Perish If We Do Not Believe – Don't Overlook His Words! **John 3:16** – Stated Again John 8:24; 3:18, 36 – But This is Not What God Wants for Us 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:8, 9

#### WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- We Should Love Him in Return
  - Because <u>He</u> Loved...
    - 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:9-10, 19
  - God Loved. Jesus Loved.
    - **Romans 5:8; Ephesians 5:2**
  - If We Love Him…

John 14:15, 23-24; Matthew 7:21

#### WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- We Must be Born Again
  - Belief Leading to Obedience

Mark 16:16; Matthew 7:21

– Made Alive When Baptized with Faith

**Colossians 2:11-13; Romans 6:3, 4** 

– A New Creation

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17