

**WHY?**  
**JOHN 3:14-21**  
**August 16, 2026**

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- **Why do we \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_? Grace produces gratitude.**

Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4-5, 1 John 4:19, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Because of what God has done for us, we have been saved!

We don't serve so God will love us; we serve because God loves us!

**Incredible truths:**

- ✓ **We have been chosen by God.** – Ephesians 1:4, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 1 Peter 2:9, John 15:16, Colossians 3:12
- ✓ **God wants everyone to be saved** – 1 Timothy 2:3-4, 2 Peter 3:9, John 3:16, 1 John 2:2, Hebrews 2:9
- ✓ **God gives everyone a choice!**

- **Why does God allow us to \_\_\_\_\_? Love cannot be forced.**

Ephesians 1:9-11, Romans 8:28, 10:9-10, Acts 2:23, Isaiah 46:9-10, John 3:14-16, 12:32,

1 Timothy 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9, Acts 17:30, Revelation 22:17, Joshua 24, Revelation 3:20

Because God gives us a genuine choice.

God doesn't force us to love Him; He invites us to love Him.

- **Why do we have confidence in our God? Because God gave us His Word.**

a) So, we would \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

b) So, we would \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_.

c) So, we would \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ we have to make.

Because God's plan is bigger than our understanding.

The Bible teaches both God's sovereignty and mankind's responsibility.

Our calling is not to explain, but to believe what the Bible teaches.

The Bible is not merely a book telling us what to do. It is God's revelation telling us who He is, what He has done for us, and how we can respond to His love.

## Study Notes – August 16, 2026

Throughout the Bible we see these incredible truths about Salvation.

**Salvation Begins and Ends with God** -- God had the plan, the plan was accomplished by Jesus, God does the drawing of people to Him. We cannot do anything to earn salvation, we could not die for ourselves, and we cannot live a Holy life to be saved.

- JESUS CARRIED OUT THE PLAN! Jesus left Heaven, came to earth, died for the sins of the world, was resurrected from the dead, went back to heaven, is coming again and will set up his eternal kingdom.

**God draws all people to Him, It is the will of God that all people be saved. –**

Throughout the Bible we read of God making salvation easy. Our salvation has nothing to do with our work, or anything that we can, or can't do! Our salvation is based solely upon the grace, mercy and love of God.

THE SPIRIT GUIDES ALL PEOPLE TO JESUS - This week read the incredible truth about the work of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, as it relates to our salvation. Read John 16:7-11; Acts 2:16-21 - The Spirit will convict all people of sin and guide all people to Jesus.

This drawing of the Spirit is strong and necessary, but it does not force a choice, another truth about our salvation is that

**Salvation happens when we make a choice, we believe the Bible, we repent of our sins and turn to Jesus.**

Study the passages listed on the sermon outline, you will see God gives us a genuine choice, God wants us to love Him, He demonstrates his love repeatedly, in so many ways, but He does not force us to love him back.

- Think of the great love of God for us, in that Jesus came to this world, died and lives forever, and he wants all people to come to Him. (Respond to that love today, accept Jesus as your LORD and SAVIOR and begin following Him.)
- That God, through the Spirit, kept drawing us to Jesus, wanting us to be saved. He did not give up on us; He kept drawing despite our repeated rejections.
- That we are saved! Praise God for salvation, share salvation, don't argue, just share the truth from the Word of God about our incredible salvation, God did it all, all we had to do is believe, and God draws all people to Him, and allows us to accept.