**Two Astonishing Features of God’s Plan of Salvation for the World (John 3:16-21)**

1. The Astonishing Offer of God’s Salvation from Judgment Through His Son (vv.16-18)
   1. It’s the Result of God’s Inexplicable Love (v.16)
      1. The Object of God’s Love – The World

*“God’s love is to be admired not because the world is so big and includes so many people, but because the world is so bad!” (Carson)*

* + 1. The Gift of God’s Love – The Son
    2. The Purpose of God’s Love – Eternal Life for Believers

1. The Astonishing Rejection of God’s Son Results in Greater Judgment (vv.19-21)

**Implications:**

1. Know His Love Particularly
2. Proclaim His Love Freely
3. Rest in His Love Confidently
4. Imitate His Love Constantly (1 John 4:9-12)

Father, How Sweet

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Father, how sweet must be the pleasure  
You find in Your eternal Son  
For long before You made the heavens  
Both You and He rejoiced as one  
And long before You formed the angels  
Before You made the day and night  
Jesus exulted in Your presence  
And He was all of Your delight

Father, what love You've shown to rebels  
That You would send Your Son so dear  
Into this world of grief and trouble  
To bring unworthy sinners near  
We'll never fathom how it pained You  
When You supplied the offering  
To rescue those who had disdained You  
To watch Your dear Son suffering

Jesus, it fills our hearts with wonder  
That You would leave Your heavenly place  
To take on flesh to thirst and hunger  
To save the ones who spurned Your grace  
You came to forfeit every mercy  
To die that mercy we would find  
And then You hung alone in darkness  
So in our hearts Your grace would shine

Jesus, in glory You've ascended  
Never again to leave Your throne  
Because of You we are befriended  
Received and welcomed as God's own  
Father, how sweet now is Your pleasure  
In us, Your daughters and Your sons  
We will delight in You forever  
In Jesus You have made us one