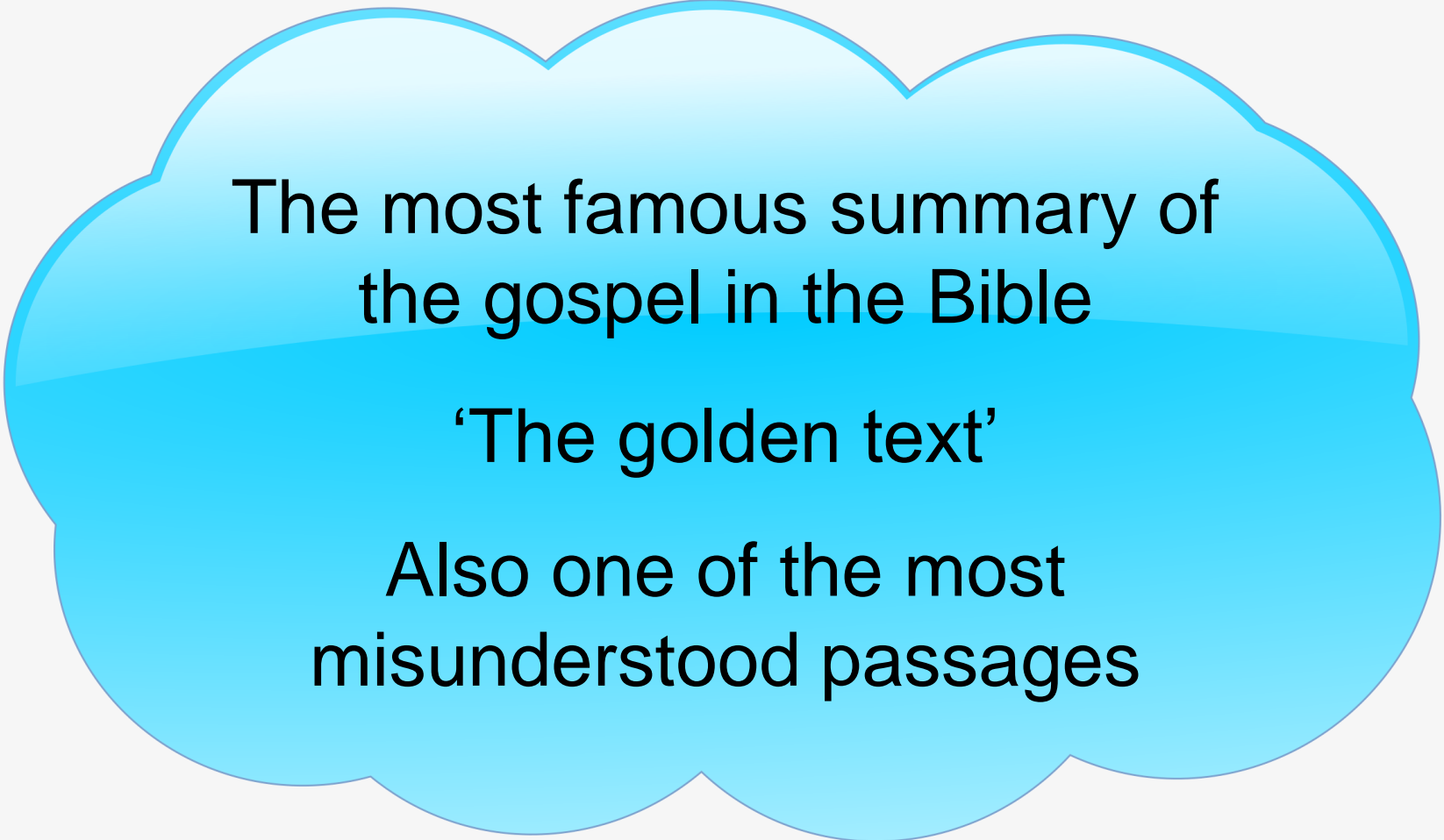


John 3:16



The most famous summary of
the gospel in the Bible

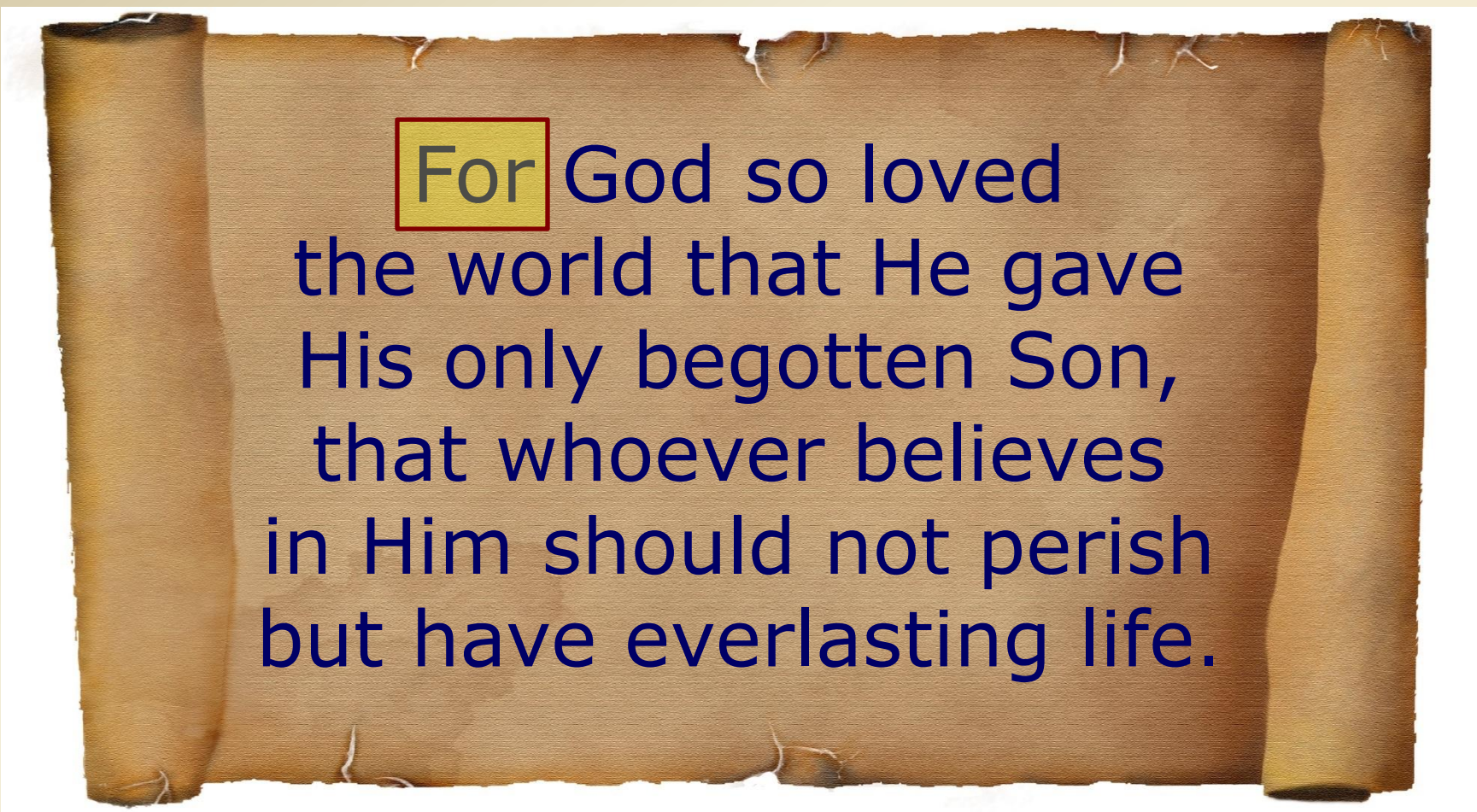
‘The golden text’

Also one of the most
misunderstood passages

Popular cliché:

'Teach what you believe and leave everyone else alone.'

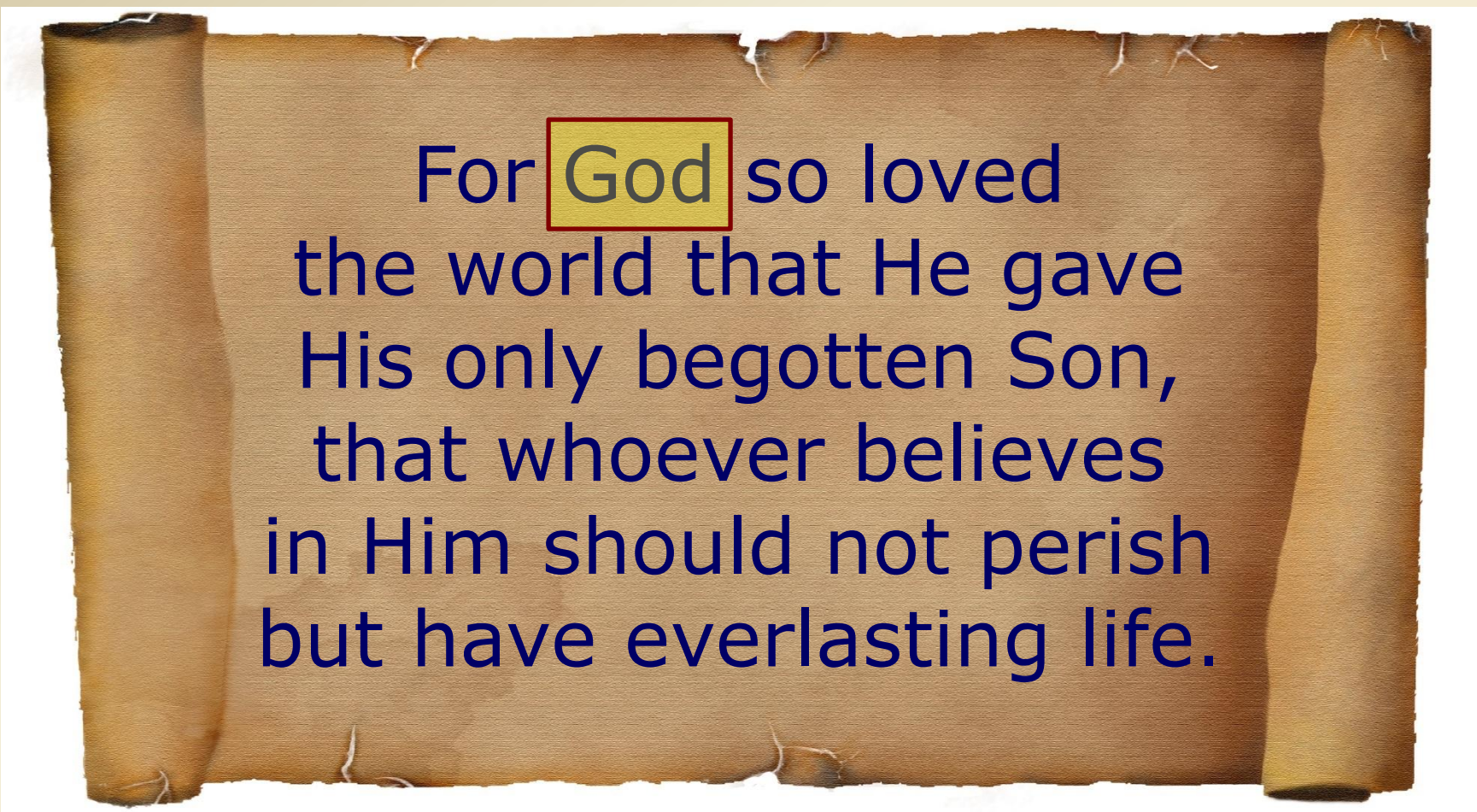
No one who teaches this verse can do so.

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the world that He gave
His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes
in Him should not perish
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Causal relation to previous verses

- 14-15 refer to Num.21:4-9
 - 38 years in Wilderness
 - Murmuring . . . Snakes
 - Bronze snake on pole; look...cure
- Snake: type of Christ (also on pole)
 - 14, As ... SO ... MUST be Lifted up
 - Explained in v.16 (12:32)
- Denies neglect / low view of OT

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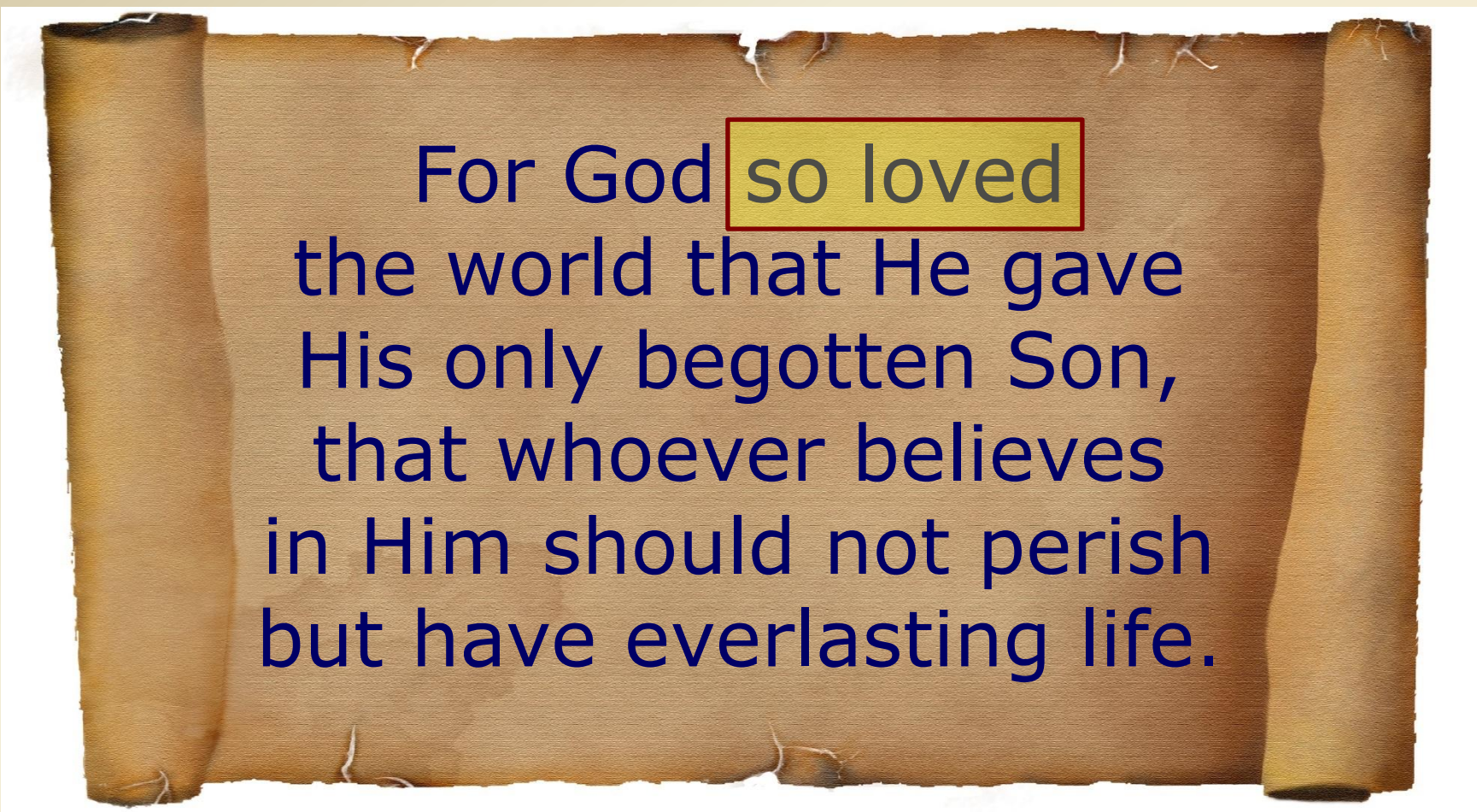
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'God' used in different ways

1. Deity (divine nature): Jn.1:1, the Word was God (in Godhead)
2. Father, Jn.1:1, Word was with God.
Jn.3:16
3. Jesus, Jn.1:1, the word was God
4. Holy Spirit, Jn.14:26; 16:13, etc.

'God' denies . . .

1. Oneness Pentecostalism. Mt.3; Ep.4
2. Atheism. Ps.14:1
 - Creation of world
 - Bible: OT–NT, a unit
 - Jesus – resurrection
 - Early church

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God is unlike any fictional 'god' –

Ac.14:...11

- 'So' separates God from myths
 - Intensity of His love
 - Ro.5:5, poured out – lavish outpouring (Mt.26:28)

Not a few drops, but immeasurable rivers

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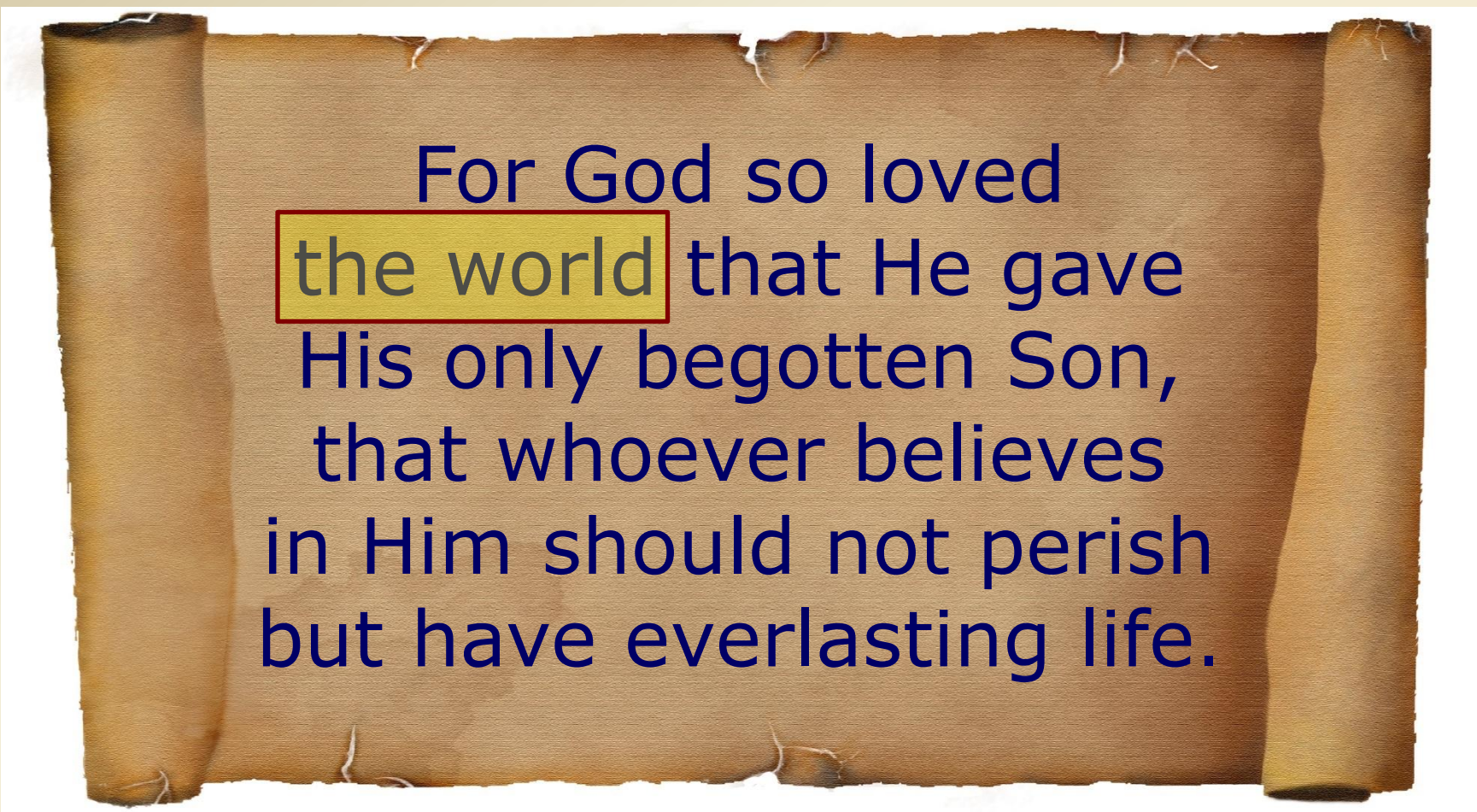
Sincere concern:
hate sin, love
sinner, 1 Jn.4:18-19

Specific action:
Not mere feelings
and sentiment

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- **Denies Deism.**
 - Abandoned children

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Earth (Mk.16:15)?
Universe (Ac.17:24)?

Jn.3:16 speaks of
those who believe: **people**

- OT: God excluded most of world from Theocracy
- Jews assumed God loved only Jews
–Jn.7:...48-49
- In Jesus: see God's love for all

**God gave His own Son
to save even His enemies**

God's universal love denies:

- Calvinistic predestination

'By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestined unto everlasting life and others foreordained to everlasting death'

– Westminster Conf. of Faith, p.25

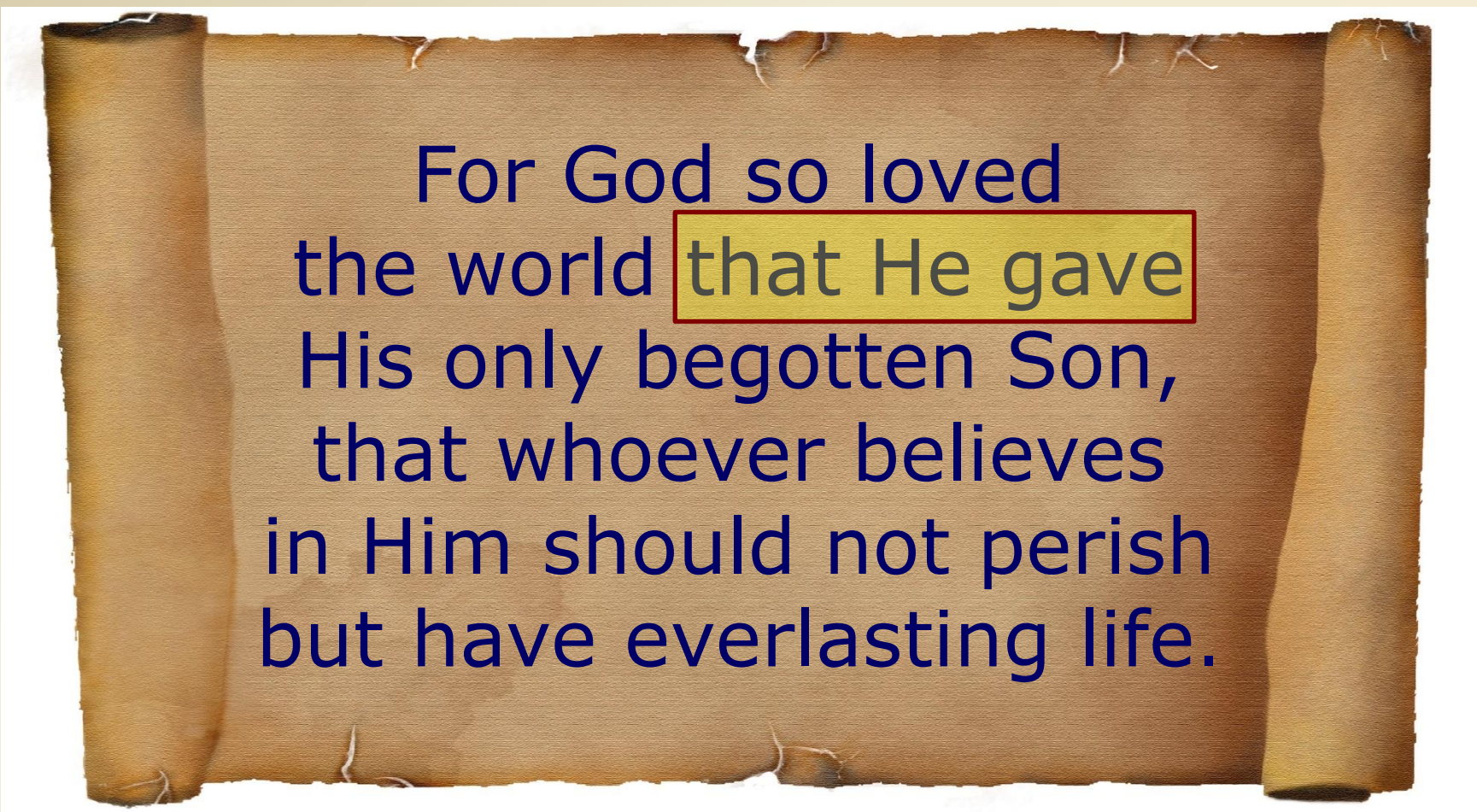
– Jn.3:16; 2 Pt.3:9

God's universal love denies:

- Calvinistic predestination
- Limited atonement

'The elected are redeemed by Christ, effectually called unto faith in Christ by his Spirit . . . **Neither are any other** redeemed by Christ, effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved, but the elect **only**' – Westminster Conf. of Faith, p.29

– 1 Tim.2:4; Tit.2:11-12; Hb.2:9

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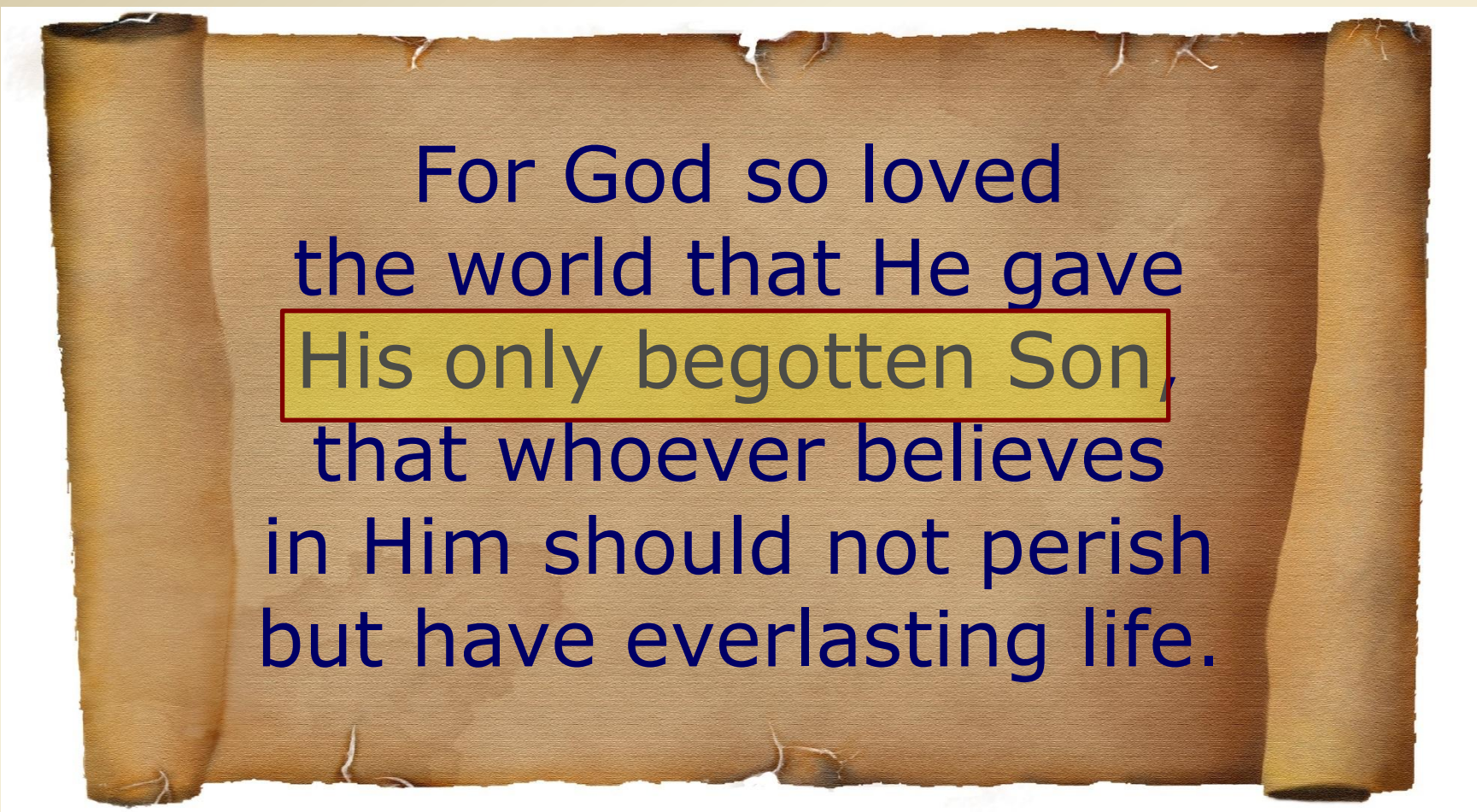
The gift matches the love

- God gave His Son: THE Lamb, His offering for our sin, Jn.1:29. Ro.8:32
- Denies:
 1. Premillennialism. Is.53
 2. Denominational ‘unconditional’ salvation

“So loved...that...He gave”

The gift matches the love

- A gift must be received
 - Josh.2, 6; Hb.11:30
 - We have free will. Jn.1:11; Ac.7:51
- To receive the gift, we must receive the Word, Ac.2:41
 - Treasure map
 - Love letter

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9 times in NT;
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- **Only begotten**: [N]KJV; [N]ASV; L-S...
- **Only or one and only**: ESV; NASB ftnt,
NRSV, NIV, NLT, Lexham, God's Word
– **Unique**, ISV

9 times in NT; 5 times of Christ

- Denies:

- 1. Critical views of God.**

- 'Would have destroyed us all'
- Salvation started with God
- Gn.22:2

- 2. Judaism.** Jn.10:30...34-36

- 3. Modernism.** 'Slaughter-house'

God gave...

- 1) All He had
- 2) The best He had

Knowing God's role in our salvation should encourage humble obedience

