

# Love will find a way!

Subject: Plan of Salvation  
 Objective: To show the love of God and the extent to which He went to save man.  
 Main Text: John 3:16, Genesis 3:15

## **Attention**

A class of little girls was learning to spell. They spelled a number of small words such as, “cat,” “dog,” “cow,” and “rat” and amused themselves by imitating the sounds that these animals make. Then little Mary was asked to spell “love”. She didn’t stop to give the letters, but ran and threw her arms around the teacher’s neck and kissed her on the cheek. “We spell ‘love’ this way at our house,” she said. The girls laughed but the teacher said, “That’s a beautiful way; but do you know another way to spell ‘love’?” “O yes,” cried Mary, “I spell love this way,” and began to put the books in order on the teacher’s desk. “I spell love by helping everybody when they need me.”

## **NEED**

- I. As you read the Holy Word of God, you will discover God’s love is not passive, it is active. (Romans 5:8)
- II. God has demonstrated his love in an unusual and remarkable manner to people who need love. And we all need love:
  - i. The Poor man needs love.
  - ii. The rich man needs love. (GO ON)
- III. Love is essential and important and Paul stresses its importance in the love chapter of the Holy Bible.

## Three Sections of 1 Corinthians 13

1. **Contrast of Love**
  - i. Though I speak with the tongues of men and have not love, I am become a sounding brass.
  - ii. Though I have the gift of prophecy and understand everything and have not love, I am nothing.
2. **Character of Love**
  - i. Love suffers long
  - ii. Love is kind
  - iii. Is not puffed up
  - iv. Bears all things
  - v. Hopes all things

### 3. The Constancy of Love

- i. It never fails
- ii. Prophecies will fail
- iii. Tongues will cease
- iv. Knowledge will vanish away
- v. Now abides hope, faith and love
- vi. But the greatest of these is LOVE

IV. Love is the greatest because God cannot exercise faith and He cannot cherish hope but He is LOVE. (1John 4:10)

### SATISFACTION

I. God proved His love for us by sending His Son to die in our stead.

II. John 3:16 illustrates love in action.

- The source of LOVE is God
- The extent of His LOVE is the world
- The sacrifice of His LOVE is Jesus
- The result of His LOVE is that all who believe in Him will not perish.

III. Man's sin did not change the nature of God's love.

IV. God had two choices to make when man sinned:

- Die for man
- Destroy man

V. He could have destroyed man and still be a just and righteous God.

**PUNCH: BUT LOVE FOUND A WAY!** (1 Peter 1:18-20)

VI. Before man sinned God had a plan in place. What is the plan?

**PUNCH: THE PLAN OF SALVATION**

VII. The plan of salvation is:

- **Forgiveness**
- **Restoration**
- **Purification**
- **Amazing Grace**
- **God's way of restoring His moral or sinless image in man.**

- VIII. For this plan to be realized, God must become a man and die as man.  
 IX. Adam knew about the plan. Eve was also knowledgeable about the plan. The plan is no secret because the Bible records the plan. (Genesis 3:15)

## **VISUALIZATION**

The plan involves:

1. The Birth of Christ (Luke 2:7)
  2. The Earthly ministry of Christ (Luke 4:18)
  3. The death of Christ (John 19:16-18)
  4. The resurrection of Christ (Luke 24:1-3)
- X. Tonight heaven's rescue mission is completed. There is hope for Adam's race. (John 3:17)
- XI. LOVE FOUND A WAY! Our only way out of life's mess is Jesus! AMEN!
- XII. His resurrection is not the end. He must bruise the Serpent's head. The plan is not yet fulfilled.
- XIII. He who died for us and is resurrected for us must now come back to save us.

### **Illustration:**

One day Farmer John's pig was talking to his chicken. "What can we do for Farmer John to show our appreciation for all that he has done for us?" the pig asked.

"I do not know," replied the chicken. "What do you think?"

They thought for a moment and then the chicken spoke up: "We could serve him a huge thank you breakfast with scrambled eggs and bacon!"

The pig thought for a moment and then said, "Oh sure, that's easy for you to say. For you it's a small sacrifice, but for me it's total commitment."

### **Application:**

Our Redeemer is committed to the Mission. His sacrifice was just part of the Plan of Salvation. He is coming to take us home first and then He will complete the Mission by destroying the devil.

I shall see the King  
 Where the angels sing  
 I shall see the King some day  
 In that better land on that golden strand  
 And with him shall ever reign

In His glory I shall see the King  
And forever endless praises sing  
T'was on Calvary Jesus died for me  
I shall see the King some day

### **APPEAL**

Tonight do your love the King?

- If you love him write LOVE on the card.
- If you really love him stand with your card held high.
- If your love him with every beat of your heart bow your head for prayer and say after me.