

LIVING NEAR THE CROSS

For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

God ... Only ... Son ... Perished ...
Everlasting ... Life.

How long is God's love?
How wide is God's love?
How deep is God's love?
How high is God's love?

A story of two soldiers.

I knew you'd come.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name he gave the right to become children of God...

John 1:10-12

Here is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

I John 4:10

Christ lives in me and the life I now live I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave his life for me.

Galatians 2:20

“This is how we know what love is. Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.”

I John 3:16

Near the cross, O Lamb of God,
keep its scenes before me.
Let me walk from day to day with
its shadow o'er me.

Pastor John and the
snowmobile.

Joni Eareckson Tada –
a shared song

Christ died on the cross but he
gave the cross his
meaning. What had been a
hideous means of death became
transformed into something very
different.

God took the sinless Christ and
poured into him our sins. Then,
in exchange, He poured God's
goodness into us.
II Corinthians 5:21

The cross was the ultimate test
for Jesus. We are tested too.

Blessed are those who endure
when they are tested. When they
pass the test, they will receive the
crown of life that God has
promised to those who love Him.

James 1:12
