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Most of us know what ⇒ John 3:16 *says*, but not as many know what it *means*. This is obvious (and wearying) to hear Christians wistfully sing / ask God, “What did you see in me that you saved me?” Stop asking! The answer is, “**Nothing but sin!**” This may seem brash but, besides being Biblical ⇒ Isaiah 64:6; Philippians 3:8, it is pivotally important:

God’s saving love can never be earned; it is an undeserved gift ⇒ Ephesians 2:8-10; Hebrews 6:4. This is why our appropriate response is eternal reciprocation of love, which happens to be very enjoyable (yet *another* undeserved blessing). God’s love is so good to us who were so bad... it almost seems wrong for Him to choose to love us so abundantly.

It is not wrong, though; it is goodness at its best *and* is how God commands us to **love: by sheer choice**, and with all the incentives added in. It is doing everything that could possibly be done without forcing. This is how God finds his Bride of Christ: by seeing who uses His gift of a free will to them to reciprocate His amazing love... basic Bible.

This is a **very-contrary-to-human-nature** type of love. This love loves an entire cast of characters who range anywhere from angry to aloof, who have the audacity to call themselves God or say there is no God. **What will these people do** when they meet God when they die, watch the video replay of their life ⇒ Revelation 20:12 showing them rejecting His costly love, and instead running / ruining their lives with absolute stupidity?

Who is a **damned fool**? 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 ⇒ “With all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be **damned** who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” Psalm 53:1a ⇒ “The **fool** hath said in his heart, There is no God.”

Jesus Christ’s innocent death was God **loving a damned fool**, namely: every one of us individually. Evangelism is mocked by false religion (and critics of it) as some points-earning system to accumulate righteousness; Biblically incorrect. Authentic evangelism is a two-fold heart-cry: for God who wants no one to go to hell but be in Heaven with Him ⇒ 2 Peter 3:9, and for those not yet surrendered to God to do so... before it is too late.

So the current question is, **What will we Christians do** while there is still time to evangelize? This begs *more* questions: What is God thinking and feeling about those who bear His Name but not His heart? What will Christians *do* when they meet God when they die, watch the video replay of their life ⇒ Revelation 20:12 showing them rejecting His great commission¹, and instead running / ruining their lives with absolute stupidity?

¹Jesus’ last instruction (a.k.a. the great commission) on earth was for Christians to make disciples: to **love the damned fools** they once were before they were Christians. But what if these Christians are not living like Christians; are they still Christians? Only God can answer this question, but here is how He knows and what He judges by: whether their heart was His or not. One criminal crucified next to Jesus went to Heaven ⇒ Luke 23:39-43... never got to do much, but *did* evangelize his fellow criminal! Hmm... **wow!**

Reminder: if your spouse is a **damned fool**, get God’s heart and **love** them, okay? ♥