

**A) The Proof & Promise of God's Love:** *Eternal happiness at the expense of His Son*

- God the Father gave us God the Son to die for us so that He could also give us an eternal happy life.
- God wants to share His future happiness with us. (Matt 25:21).
- God wants to give us even Himself. (John 17:1-20)

**B) The Challenges of Believing God's Love:** *"In this world you will have trouble"*

**1) Do not doubt God's love because of pain in the world** (1 Pet 1:3-8)

When God makes everything perfect, we will gain a lot. But we will also lose something that is precious . . . the opportunity to glorify God with our faith.

**2) Do not doubt God's love because of threatened needs you have in the world**

Because God loves us, He has not only promised to take care of us on the new Earth, but also while we live on this old one. (Heb 13:5-6; Luke 12:32-33)

**3) Do not doubt God's love because of withheld desires you have in this world**

- Not even God gets all that He wants from this world right now.
- Nothing that you desire will fulfill you more than what God has already given you.
- If God gave you what you desire—and He might—it would only be a short time after that you would want something else. (Prov 27:20)
- We cannot make the granting of our desires a measure of God's love for us. Jesus dying on the cross to give us eternal happiness is how much God loves us.