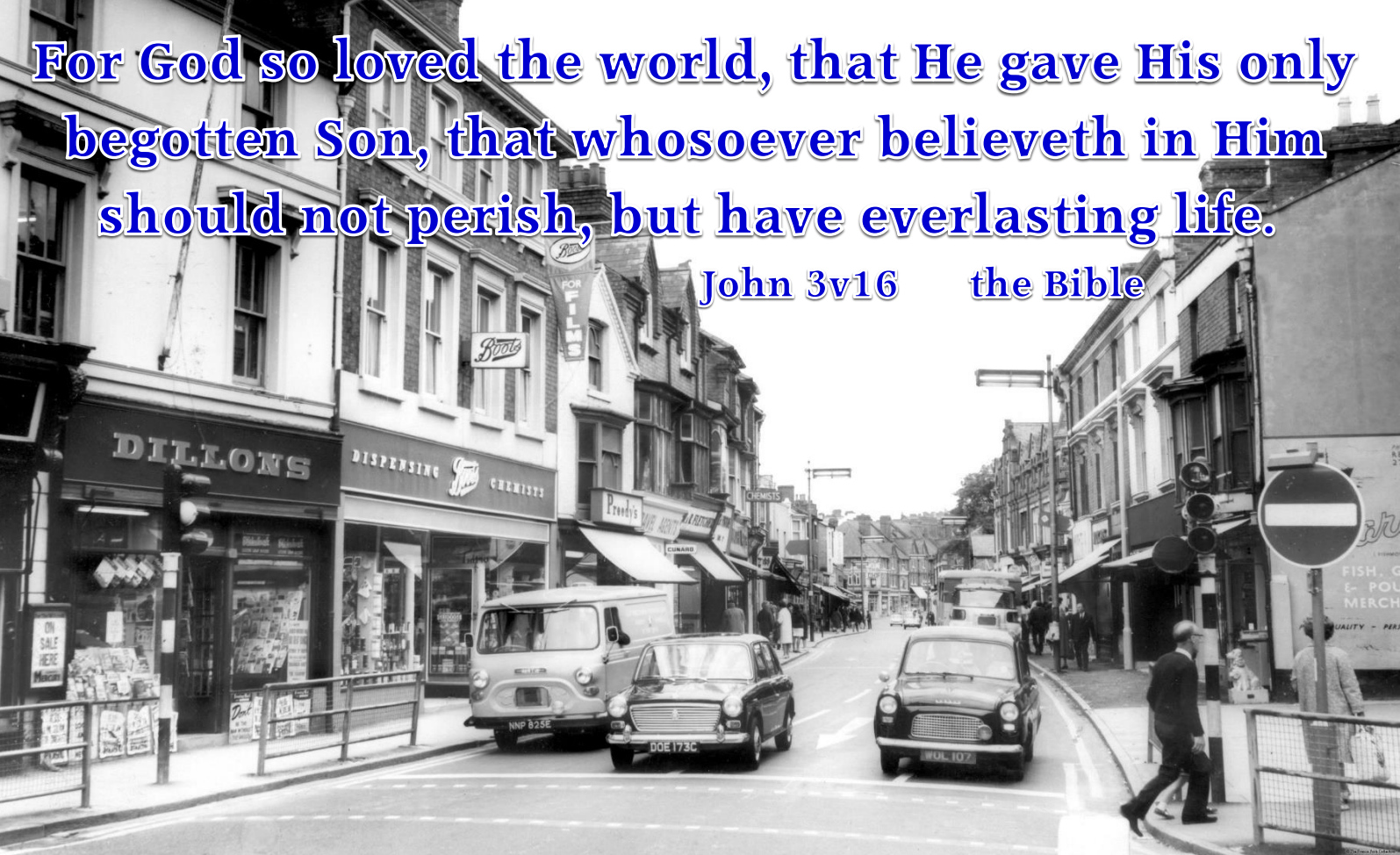


**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only  
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him  
should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**John 3v16 the Bible**



### **Evesham Street Redditch C.1967**

What a dramatic change from the picture on the front, to the one below! A few months after the photo was taken, all but the 7 buildings on the left were demolished. Older locals will recall familiar shops from their childhood. To the left of Dillons was Huins shoe shop, now Three Cooks on the corner of Market Place. Further down on the left was Hollingtons, the



only department store in town. And likely some could identify nearly every building. One building not visible, and not so well known was the **Gospel Hall**, which was on the left, around the distant corner.

### **John chapter 3 verse 16**

**Gospel** means **good news**, and the Bible verse printed on the front has

often been referred to as the **Gospel** in a nutshell. It sums up the main points of that **good news**.

### **For God – The Source of Love**

In the Bible we read that '**love is of God**' and '**God is love**' (1John 4:8-9). The message of the **Gospel** is the greatest manifestation of His love. Many deny the existence of God, but Revelation 4:11 tells us God has '**created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created**'. Creation around, and our conscience within affirm, that to be true. Because we were made by God, we will one day have to give account to Him for our lives.

### **SO loved the world – The Sphere of Gods Love**

Rom 5:8 tells how **God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**. Although completely unworthy of His love, and rightly deserving His judgement because of our sin, God extends His love to every one of us. John the Baptist said of the Lord Jesus '**Behold**

**the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world**' (John 1:29). God's forgiveness extends to all who believe in His Son - All without an exception!

### **that He Gave His only begotten Son – The Greatest Gift of Gods Love, The Son of His Love**

Gods Son was and always will be the eternal object of His love, but who can measure the love that gave Him to die as a sacrifice for our sins? **the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world** (1John 4:13).

### **that whosoever believeth in Him – The Way to Experience Gods Love.**

God's word tells us we are all sinners and need His salvation. If we acknowledge our sin, and believe that the Lord Jesus died to take the judgement of our sin, we can experience the wonder of God's love.

### **should not perish – The Danger of Ignoring Gods Love.**

A perished material has not ceased to exist, and so with us, death is not the end. Because all sin, all face the judgement of God for ever. We only receive Gods wonderful gift if we believe in Gods only begotten Son.

### **but Have Everlasting Life – The Wonderful Enjoyment of Gods Love.**

Everlasting life is not just life that never stops, nor even just life in heaven. The Lords Jesus said '**this is life eternal that they might know Thee and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent**' (John 17:3). We said before, we were created for Gods pleasure and this has always been Gods purpose. One day that purpose will be realised - **He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God** (Revelation 21:30).

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