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## GOD'S TOTAL SURRENDER TO US

**“For God so loved the world that He gave...”**

**John 3:16 (NKJV)**

**Salvation does not mean merely deliverance from sin or the experience of personal holiness. The salvation which comes from God means being completely delivered from myself, and being placed into perfect union with Him.** When I think of my salvation experience, I think of being delivered from sin and gaining personal holiness. But salvation is so much more! It means that the Spirit of God has brought me into intimate contact with the true Person of God Himself. And as I am caught up into total surrender to God, I become thrilled with something infinitely greater than myself.

**To say that we are called to preach holiness or sanctification is to miss the main point. We are called to proclaim Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 2:2).** The fact that He saves from sin and makes us holy is actually part of the effect of His wonderful and total surrender to us.

**If we are truly surrendered, we will never be aware of our own efforts to remain surrendered. Our entire life will be consumed with the One to whom we surrender.** Beware of talking about surrender if you know nothing about it. **In fact, you will never know anything about it until you understand that John 3:16 means that God completely and absolutely gave Himself for us—totally, unconditionally, and without reservation.** The consequences and circumstances resulting from our surrender will never even enter our mind, because our life will be totally consumed with Him. **AMEN.**

Oswald Chambers

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

