

## Deacon's Beacons

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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:16-17

The first part of this passage is arguably one of the best known in all of the New Testament. But the second part is just as important. The first speaks of love. The second speaks of purpose. God's love is wonderful. But unless there is a purpose for any love, it lacks substance. God's purpose in loving us is to bring us to salvation. What is your purpose for loving your neighbor? Hopefully it goes beyond wanting them to live you in return. It should be rooted in the hope that your love displayed to them will invite them to contemplate the reason of that love, the reflection of the love that God has for them as well and will draw them toward God and, ultimately, salvation as well.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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