

**Grasping The Heart of God – “Who Loves Ya Baby”**  
**God Loves the World/Nations!**  
**John 3:16 (p 738); Psalm 67 (p 404); Isa 49:1-13 (p 511)**  
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God's love is love that is characterized by (John 3:16-17):

- commitment, not emotion (Rom 5:8)
- giving, rather than receiving (Acts 20:35)
- grace, not indebtedness (Gal 2:21)
- sacrifice, not convenience (Phil 2:6-8)

God's heart is... (Psalm 67:1-7)

- That He will be praised by all the nations (vs 3-5,7)
- That the nations know what kind of God He is (vs 2,4)
- To bless us so that the nations would be blessed (v 1-2, 6-7)

God's design is unfolded in... (Isaiah 49:1-13)

- The coming of the Savior (vs 1-3)
- Christ being sent first to Israel (v 5)
- Christ being taken to the world/nations (v 6)
- God's love drawing many from the nations (vs 10-13)

How am I to grasp God's heart for the world/nations?

- I must acknowledge that the world is in need of redemption
- I must develop a world view that is centered on the gospel rather than on myself
- I must cultivate a response that reaching the world/nations is fundamental to God's eternal intentions.

**Practical ways to cultivate God's heart for the world in me....**

Begin to be informed about the world/nations (“Operation World”, newspaper, internet, etc)

Develop times of prayer for the nations (countries, missionaries, etc)

Encourage (missionaries)

Give (treasure, time, talent)

Go (short term mission trip)