



# GOD'S LOVE

John 3:14-21

# GORDON LIGHTFOOT

- The wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald
- Chippewa – “Gitche Gumee”
- Superior
- *Does any one know where the love of God goes  
When the waves turn the minutes to hours?  
The searchers all say they'd have made Whitefish Bay  
If they'd put fifteen more miles behind her  
They might have split up or they might have capsized  
They may have broke deep and took water  
And all that remains is the faces and the names  
Of the wives and the sons and the daughters*

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- Do you know where it is?
- Can you show it to someone else?
- We live in a world where sin has come.
- Death is an appointment for each of us.
- In this world where sin has come, there are many ways of dying.
- Do you remember the very first death?

# BACK TO THE QUESTION

- *Does any one know where the love of God goes  
When the waves turn the minutes to hours?*
- It's gone no where. It is still right where it has been.
- How do you know God loves you?
- Did you know there are two John 3:16's?

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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." (Jn. 3:16 ESV)
- <sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.
- <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? (1 Jn. 3:16-17 ESV)
- Who is hurt in death?

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- Romans 5:1-11
- 3 marks of false love:
  - 1. Limitation – something is withheld – not open – honest
  - 2. Control – manipulation
  - 3. Detachment – self-sufficient – self-centered – unhurt
- 3 marks of authentic love:
  - 1. Limitless self-giving
  - 2. Risk-taking with no certainty of success
  - 3. Vulnerability which is easily hurt
- Romans 5:6-11