



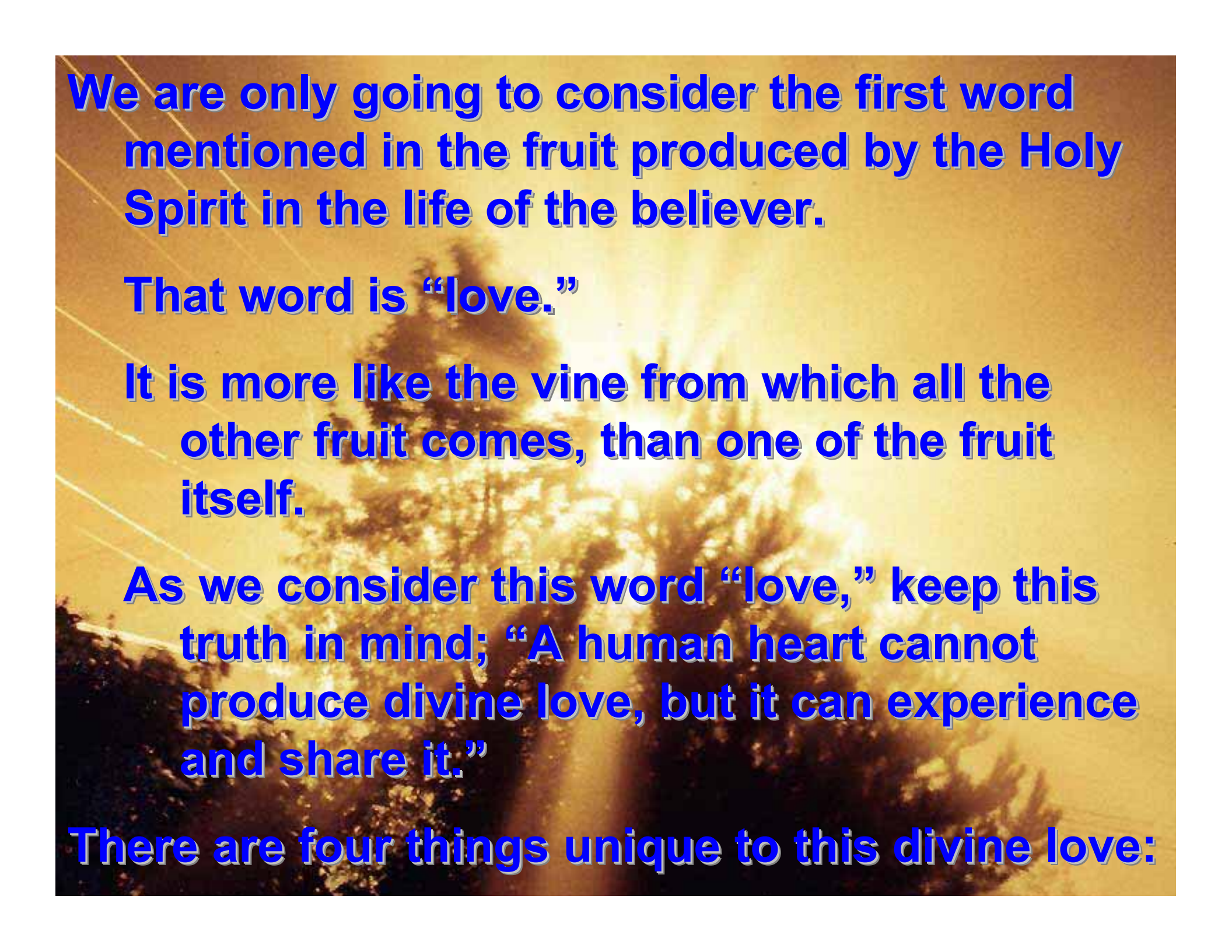
“DIVINE LOVE”

Galatians 5:16-23



A study of the context will reveal at least three important truths.

- 1. The characteristics that make up Christian character are the product of the Spirit of God.**
- 2. The un-regenerated man cannot possess this character.**
- 3. This character should be manifested in every believer as it was in Christ Jesus.**



We are only going to consider the first word mentioned in the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.

That word is “love.”

It is more like the vine from which all the other fruit comes, than one of the fruit itself.

As we consider this word “love,” keep this truth in mind; “A human heart cannot produce divine love, but it can experience and share it.”

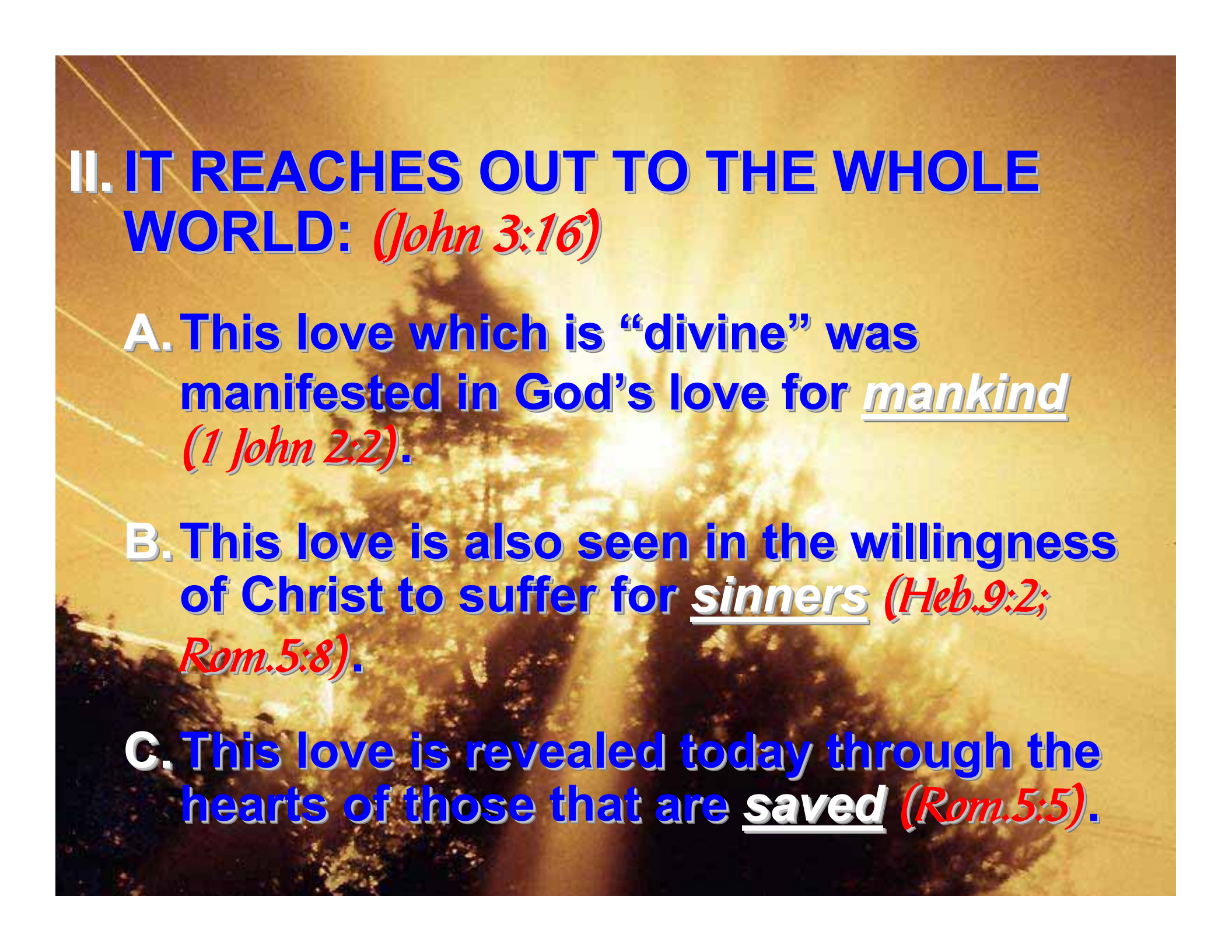
There are four things unique to this divine love:



**I. IT IS NOT EXPERIENCED BY THE
UNSAVED: *(John 5:42)***

**A. The words here are addressed to the
religious people in Christ's day *(Jn.5:39)*.**

**B. They were void of love, because they had
rejected Christ, who is love *(Jn.5:40;*
1 Jn.4:7-8).**




II. IT REACHES OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD: *(John 3:16)*

A. This love which is “divine” was manifested in God’s love for mankind *(1 John 2:2)*.

B. This love is also seen in the willingness of Christ to suffer for sinners *(Heb.9:2; Rom.5:8)*.

C. This love is revealed today through the hearts of those that are saved *(Rom.5:5)*.



III. IT ABHORS THE PRESENT WORLD SYSTEM: *(1 John 2:15-16)*

A. Love for this world system places us at enmity with God *(James 4:4)* .

B. Those with God's love in their heart will not love this world system *(1 John 2:15-16)* .

C. Nor will they be loved by this world system *(John 15:18-21)* .



IV. IT IS SACRIFICIAL: *(2 Corinthians 8:9)*

- A. True love will produce in us a sacrificial spirit for others *(1 John 3:16-17; Romans 9:1-5)*.
- B. When we have this kind of love in our hearts, we can rest assured that we know the love of God.



**CAN'T YOU SEE THE WONDERFUL
LOVE GOD HAS FOR YOU?**

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UNSAVED.**

**HOWEVER, IT REACHES OUT TO THE
WHOLE WORLD.**

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WORLD, BUT IT ABHORS THE PRESENT
WORLD SYSTEM.**



**AND YOU KNOW THIS DIVINE LOVE IS
SACRIFICIAL.**

**DO YOU HAVE THAT LOVE WITHIN
YOU?**

**DO YOU SHOW THAT LOVE TOWARD
OTHERS?**



**DO YOU
POSSESS THAT
DIVINE LOVE?**