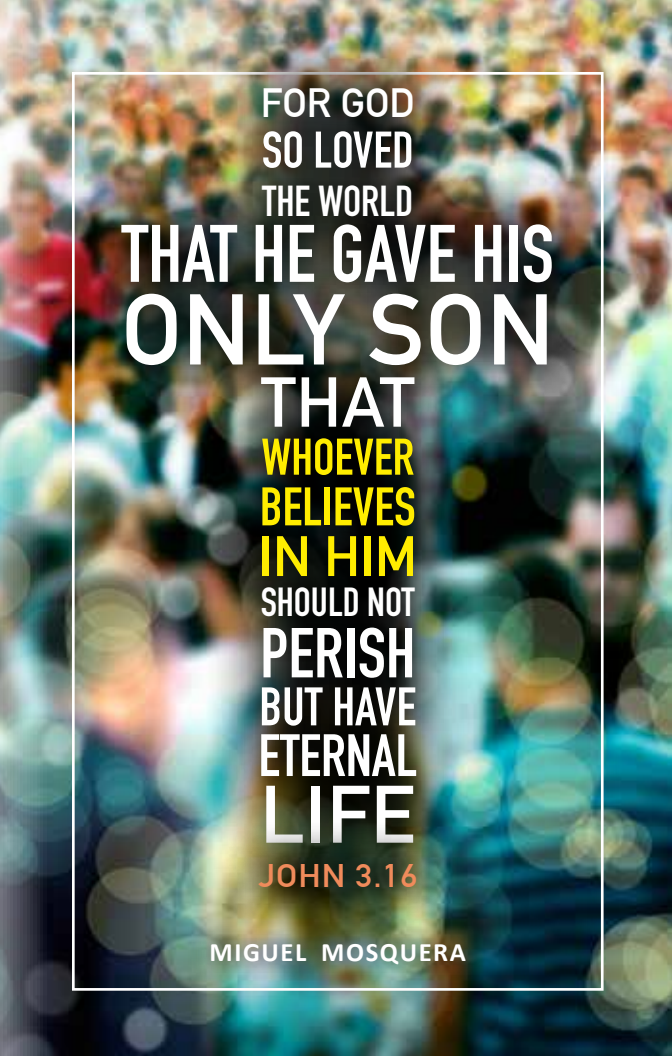

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A DOCTOR came to the Crosby family home because their 6-week-old baby's eyes were swollen. Sadly, the doctor's negligence, instead of curing the disease, left the girl blind for life. The little girl was Fanny Crosby, who became one of the best-known writers of Christian hymns.

God gave a special talent to Fanny who, in spite of her blindness, wrote more than 8,000 poems throughout her life, most of them hymns. The lyrics of one of her best-known hymns convey the following:

To God be the glory,
great things He hath done,
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life
an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate
that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory,
great things He hath done.

The hymn speaks of God's great love for the world, demonstrating it in that He gave His blessed Son (the Lord Jesus Christ). It reminds us of a well-known verse: **"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life"** (JOHN 3:16 ESV). The verse points out what God has done to provide so great a salvation: He gave His only Son. He gave Him in love to die on the cross for our sins. Because we human beings could not save ourselves, Jesus **"has come to seek and to save that which was lost"** (LUKE 19:10 NKJV). That is why He died on the cross and shed His blood that **"cleanses us from all sin"** (1 JOHN 1:7 NKJV).

This was expressed by Fanny Crosby in the second verse of the hymn:

Oh, perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
To every believer
the promise of God;
The vilest offender
who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

Forgiveness of sins is something you can have immediately. Why immediately? Because Christ has already done everything for you. But it is only received by trusting in Jesus as Saviour. The Bible says: **"everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name"** (ACTS 10:43 ESV).

Fanny understood and received this truth and expressed it in her hymn. And you, have you received it?

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