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- c. “that He gave” is the **Agony** of Salvation
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- e. “that whosoever” is the **Availability** of Salvation
- f. “believeth in Him” is the **Acceptance** of Salvation
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