

**All It Would Take To Make Me Happy**  
**John 3: 14-21**

Charles Shultz, creator and author of the Peanuts cartoon characters often conveyed a message in his comic strips. In one strip he conveys through Charlie Brown the need we have to be loved and through Lucy our inability to love one another.

Charlie Brown and Lucy are leaning over the proverbial fence speaking to one another:

CB: All it would take to make me happy is to have someone say he likes me.

Lucy: Are you sure?

CB: Of course, I'm sure!

Lucy: You mean you'd be happy if someone merely said he or she likes you? Do you mean to tell me that someone has it within his or her power to make you happy merely by doing such a simple thing?

CB: Yes! That's exactly what I mean!

Lucy: Well, I don't think that's asking too much. I really don't. [Now standing face to face, Lucy asks one more time] But you're sure now? All you want is to have someone say, "I like you, Charlie Brown," and then you'll be happy?

CB: And then I'll be happy!

Lucy: [Lucy turns and walks away saying] I can't do it!

What Lucy cannot do, sinful as she is, God does.

What Charlie Brown needs lost and alone as he is, God supplies.

God loves you and is telling you today, "He loves you!" "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son."

We all need to know that we are loved. Jesus' whole ministry was going out to the people, who no one ever told them, they were loved by God. Jesus offered healing and reconciliation to all he met. Jesus came so that we might know we are loved children of God. We are called to share with others that they too are valued and loved by God.

If you want the world to be a better place, start in prayer and go tell others through your words and actions they are important and loved by you and God. Let us be faithful to our Lord and Saviors message and ministry.

God bless,  
Pastor Barbara