

If God's Love Could Be Measured

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When Christians think about everything that God has done for us, everything He does for us now, and everything He has promised to do in the future, we may wonder if we will ever fully comprehend how much God loves us. Paul encouraged the Christians at Ephesus to think about how they should love and how much they were loved: "*That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God*" (Ephesians 3:17-19). The love of God "passes knowledge," and can never truly be measured, but perhaps we could describe it in the following ways:

THE BREADTH - God's love has been extended worldwide to all men of all ages: "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16); "*Jesus Christ the righteous...is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world*" (1 John 2:1, 2); "*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11:28); "...*whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely*" (Revelation 22:17; cf. Hebrews 2:9).

THE LENGTH - Notice what lengths God would go to for our salvation: "*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends*" (John 15:13); "*Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us...*" (1 John 3:16); "*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*" (Romans 5:8; cf. Philippians 2:5-8).

THE DEPTH - No matter how deep in sin one may be, God's love and mercy is available to all those who will repent and faithfully follow Him: "*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief*" (1 Timothy 1:15).

THE HEIGHT - God's love reaches from Heaven all the way down to Earth! He loves us so much that He wants us to be with Him eternally in Heaven after we leave this Earth! "*But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city*" (Hebrews 11:16); "*In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also*" (John 14:2, 3; cf. John 3:13).

There is no greater love than the love God has for us!