

To Know The Love Of God

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Ephesians 3:14-19

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Today we go diving. Did you ever go diving?

- Scuba diving
- Snorkeling
- Dumpster diving



We do that so we can discover what is in the depths of something.

We are beginning a series where we will dive into the Love of God.

Like any deep sea dive, there must be preparation.

- Fill the tanks
- Inspect the hoses
- Find the flippers

As we dive into the love of God, we also need to prepare.

This is how we do it.

Eph 3:14 *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,*
v.15 *from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,*

The preparation for the deep dive is prayer.

It is connecting with God like the hose connects to the air tank.

And

Notice who the Father is;

He is that which every believer is named after signifying we belong to Him.

In preparation for this deep dive into God's love, Paul prays for 3 things:

1. Strength through God's Holy Spirit

v.16 *that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,*
 "strengthened in the inner man" to not faint in the face of opposition

Secondly; he prays,

2. For Christ to be at home in them

v.17 *so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,*

Three things happen when Christ is a hom in your heart through faith:

1. You have a Godly reason and you can discern spiritual things

2. You have a Godly conscience and become more sensitive to right and wrong

3. You have a Godly will

The ability to follow through beyond good intentions

So,

In this deep dive we need:

1. Strength

2. Christ at home in us

3. Now we can dive into Christ's love

v.18 (that) *may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,*

"comprehend" to seize, possess

to take eagerly

"all the saints" all believers!

And what do we seize?

"breadth" how wide

"length" how long

"height" how high

"depth" how deep – mystery of His love.

Remember.

This is a deep dive! Look at the ocean.

How wide and long and deep it is.

what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

And that's not all;

v.19 *and to know the love of Christ*

"know" *ginosko* – come to know, by experience, absolutely

Without a shadow of doubt!

The greatest love that was ever known,

Rom 5:7 *For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.*

v.8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

and yet, this love,

which surpasses knowledge, (earthly knowledge)

"surpasses" to throw beyond - knowledge

This is not love "to" God but

Love "from" God.

It comes from Heaven all the way down to earth.

The knowledge of our greatest minds:

- Scientists

- Researchers
- Mathematicians
- Even artificial intelligence

is surpassed by knowledge of God's love.

Do you know it?

Have you experienced it?

And just when you think you have discovered the breath, length, height and depth of His love, you discover that is only the beginning; a proverbial "tip of the iceberg."

Picture that cross that was planted on Calvary as Jesus clung to it.

The breath of His love

it pointed right to those walking with Him

it pointed left to those walking from Him

it pointed up to those who had gone on

before us

it pointed down to those who missed the mark and could have had Him in eternity!

*at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW,
of those who are in heaven and on earth and
under the earth,
and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
Phi 2:10-11*



I'd like to close with the words of an old saint who penned the following lines on the walls of his cell regarding the love of God.

"Could we with ink, the oceans fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,

To write the love of God above,
Would drain the oceans dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."

This love is there for you. It is vast and great and cannot be measured.

That you would take this love beyond knowledge of this life, and experience it now and in the life to come.