

The LOVE of GOD

The Love of God, Part 2 [February 20/21 Notes]

John 13:34, 35 NLT "...as I have loved you"

"What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us...and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at any given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like." –A.W. Tozer

Honestly evaluate what you conceive God to be like:

- When going through a difficult time.
- When you neglect to read the Bible or pray.
- When you sin.
- When your hopes are crushed.
- When you experience loss or failure.
- When you've been treated unfairly.

Eph 3:16-19 NKJV

1. *The inner man*: This is the real you – your spirit, your heart.
2. *Rooted and grounded in love*: Rooted = life, nutrients, growth
Grounded = foundation, stability
3. *Able to comprehend*: The power to understand
4. *The width*: God's love is for everyone!
5. *The length*: God's love never runs out, never fails.
6. *The depth*: God's love will reach you no matter how far you've fallen.

The height:

7. *Which passes knowledge*: We can know it in our hearts and experience it in our lives.

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8. *That you may be filled with the fullness of God!*:
We can only experience the fullness of God when we are rooted and grounded in God's love!
9. **The Cross**: The only explanation is LOVE.
10. **Total Forgiveness**: He's not ashamed of your failures and scars.
11. **Adoption into His Family**: He wanted us in his family.

Romans 8:15

12. When we really experience His love, we want to respond to Him, to give our lives to Him, to please Him.
13. His love frees us to be who we were made to be.

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Experiencing God's love radically changes the way we love people

Challenge: Pray this prayer over yourself every day this week...

Ephesians 3: 16-19 NKJV

Weekly Bible Reading [February 21-27]

This week, be intentional to continue your Bible reading. Consider reading along with Pastor Sam....

- **Sunday** Psalm 52, Proverbs 21, Luke 8, Acts 24, Ephesians 1
- **Monday** Psalm 53, Proverbs 22, Luke 9, Acts 25, Ephesians 2
- **Tuesday** Psalm 54, Proverbs 23, Luke 10, Acts 26, Ephesians 3
- **Wednesday** Psalm 55, Proverbs 24, Luke 11, Acts 27, Ephesians 4
- **Thursday** Psalm 56, Proverbs 25, Luke 12, Acts 28, Ephesians 5
- **Friday** Psalm 57, Proverbs 26-27, Luke 13, Acts 1, Ephesians 6
- **Saturday** Psalm 58, Proverbs 28-29, Luke 14, Acts 2, Philippians 1