

Immeasurable and Infinite Love

Theme scriptures: Eph. 3:18, 19 *And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

1: The Source of Love

We have trivialized love too much. You meet someone that gives you butterflies and you think its love. You eat good ice cream and you start saying "I love this ice cream" etc...

Love is sooooo much deeper than our human experiences. Love is God's divine nature revealed in us.

1 John 4:7 (NLT) *Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from **God**. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.*

1 John 4:19 (NLT) *We love each other because he loved us first.*

Romans 5:5, 8 (NLT) *And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the **Holy Spirit** to fill our hearts with his love. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending **Christ** to die for us while we were still sinners.*

Love is a manifestation of the trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit

2: The Expression of Love

John 13:34-35 (NLT) *So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*

1 Peter 4:8 (NLT) *Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.*

Ephesians 4:2 (NLT) *Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

1 Corinthians 13 (NLT) *If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up,*

never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.⁸ Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!⁹ Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture!¹⁰ But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things.¹² Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.¹³ Three things will last forever--faith, hope, and love--and the greatest of these is love.

3: The Impact of Love

Romans 13:10 (NLT) *Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.*

Christ gave us our freedom so that we can love!

Galatians 5:13 (NLT) *For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.*

1 Corinthians 16:14 (NLT) *And do everything with love.*

In closing, let us remember that love is not just a feeling but an action that reflects the heart of God. As we embrace the source of love—God Himself—we are called to express that love to others, demonstrating the true nature of discipleship. The impact of love can transform lives, communities, and the world around us.

Let us pray for the grace to embody this love, allowing it to glow brightly in our hearts and shine through our actions. May we be known by our love, a love that comes from God, expressed in our relationships, and impactful in our communities.

Let's commit ourselves to live out this commandment, and may our lives be a testament to the love that never fails. Amen.