

# *How To Measure God's Love*



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**14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,**

**16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

**17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,**

## **Ephesians 3:14-21 - continued**

**18** May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

**19** And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

**20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

**21** Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

# **Introduction**

## **A. A prayer of Paul**

- 1. For God's grace for the church**
- 2. For God to affect the hearts of those in the church**
- 3. For those to understand God's love**
- 4. For God's glory**

## **B. God wants us to love as He loves**

**Example: Peter (John 21:15-17)**

## **C. To love like God we must love in deed**

**1 John 3:18**

**My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**

# **I. God's Love Reaches Up**

## **Ephesians 2:4-6**

**4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,**

**5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

**6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

# **I. God's Love Reaches Up**

**A. When we love, heaven is brought near**

**John 13:35**

**By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

**John 15:9**

**As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.**

**B. When we love, we become one with Christ**

**1 John 5:2**

**By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

## **II. God's Love Reaches Down**

**Isaiah 38:17**

**Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.**

**A. God's love reaches down to the depths of sin and where we are**

**Psalm 34:6**

**This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.**

**Luke 7:34**

**The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!**

## **II. God's Love Reaches Down**

**B. His love penetrates deeper than the stain of sin.**

**John 8:11-12**

**11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**

**12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**



# **III. God's Love Reaches In**

**1 John 4:12**

**No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

### **III. God's Love Reaches In**

#### **A. God's love reaches into the heart and soul**

**Hosea 14:4**

**I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.**

**1 John 4:18**

**There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.**

**Galatians 5:22-23**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

**23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**

### **III. God's Love Reaches In**

**B. God is love - within us**

**2 Corinthians 4:6-10**

**6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

**8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;**

**9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;**

**10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.**

### **III. God's Love Reaches In**

#### **B. God is love - within us - continued**

**1 John 4:16-17**

**16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.**

**17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.**

## **IV. God's Love Reaches Out**

**John 3:16**

**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.**

**A. God's love reaches out to the far corners of the earth**

**Isaiah 59:1**

**Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:**

## **IV. God's Love Reaches Out**

**B. God's love also reaches out through our prayers  
around the world**

**Romans 5:5**

**And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

**1 John 4:9**

**In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.**

# **V. God's Love Reaches Through**

## **Romans 8:38-39**

**38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,**

**39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**A. There is no defense against God's love**

**B. Love reaches through any barrier to bring eternal life**

# *Do You Measure Up?*











# Jesus Is Calling

**Jesus is tenderly calling you home—**

**Calling today, calling today,**

**Why from the sunshine of love will you  
roam**

**Farther and farther away?**

**Calling today, calling today,  
Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.**

**Jesus is calling the weary to rest—  
Calling today, calling today,  
Bring Him your burden and you shall be  
blest;  
He will not turn you away.**

**Calling today, calling today,  
Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.**

**Jesus is waiting, oh, come to Him now—  
Waiting today, waiting today,  
Come with your sins, at His feet lowly  
bow;  
Come, and no longer delay.**



**Calling today, calling today,  
Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.**

**Jesus is pleading, oh, list to His voice:  
Hear Him today, hear Him today,  
They who believe on His name shall  
rejoice;  
Quickly arise and away.**

**Calling today, calling today,  
Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today.**

