

3. GOD's Love is Sacrificial.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:9-10

4. GOD's Love is Everlasting.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

Make this your prayer for yourself and others.

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how Wide and Long and High and Deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19

Oh, How He Loves Us!

1 John 3:1-3

A. Note the Parties In This Crazy Love.

1. GOD, the One who Loves, is the Creator of Galaxies, the Sovereign over the Universe.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." Isaiah 6:1-3

He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. Isaiah 40:22

2. We, the ones who are loved, are Small, Sinful, and Unworthy.

What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. James 4:14b
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23

B. Stand In Awe of GOD and His Love.

1. GOD's Love is Primary: He Initiates.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- Ephesians 1:3-5

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

2. GOD's Love is Unconditional and Undeserved.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8

Faith@Home

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

Day One

Read 1 John 3:1-3

1. How great is the love of our Heavenly Father?
2. What does it mean to you that the Creator and Sovereign of the universe loves you and, through Christ, calls you His son/daughter?
3. How will that effect how you live your life today?

Day Two

Read Ephesians 1:3-10

1. GOD knew you and loved you before you were born.
What do you think of that?
2. List some of the many blessings that are ours through Jesus Christ.
3. We are “adopted” (verse 5). What is the significance of that?

Day Three

Read Romans 5:1-8

1. The past two days’ readings used the word “lavished” in reference to GOD’s love and blessings. This passage used the term “poured out” (verse 5). Is GOD sparing or “cheap” with His love toward us?

2. Who would you be willing to give your life for?
Would you do so for a dirty rotten scoundrel?

3. How does the fact that Jesus died for totally unworthy sinners make His love for us even more amazing?

Day Four

Read Ephesians 3:14-19

1. What do you think it means to be “rooted and established in love” (verse 17)?

2. What can you do to more fully grasp “how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ?”

3. How can we know something that “surpasses knowledge”?

4. What is being “filled to the measure of all the fullness of GOD?”

Day Five

Read Psalm 24

1. What do verses 1 & 2 say to you? Does that include everything you are and everything you have? What does that imply for your life?

2. Who may come into the LORD’s presence (verses 3-4)?

3. How do we welcome “the King of Glory” in?

4. Pray for our worship gathering this Sunday.