

The Four Dimensions of God's Love

Ephesians 3:18

Introduction

1. Paul explains the four dimensions of God's love.

I. Description of God's love – v. 18a

A. It is attainable

1. Comprehend – to lay hold as to make one's own, to obtain or attain.

2. Why do some feel they can't obtain God's love?

B. It is available

1. All of the saints can obtain the love of God.
2. We have the ability to fully make the love of God our own.

II. Dimensions of God's love – v. 18b

A. Breadth (wide)

1. It is as wide as the outstretched arms of Christ on the cross.

2. Width reaches past, present, future

a. Heb. 9:15

b. 2 Cor. 9:10

c. Acts 2:39

B. Length (long)

1. From the fall of man to present.

2. God has been longsuffering – Rom.

2:4

C. Depth (deep)

1. It is so deep that Jesus left heaven to die and the Father watched his son's agony

a. Isaiah 53:10-11

D. Height (high)

1. Love reaches from earth to heaven

a. Gen. 28:10-22; John 1:52

III. Details of Getting God's Love – v. 17

A. Has to be a dwelling

1. Christ must dwell in our hearts

2. Dwell – to house permanently

B. Detail of the dwelling

1. Dwells in our hearts through faith.

C. Duties of the dwelling

1. Roots & grounds us in love

IV. Deeds of God's Love – vs. 20-21

A. Powerful

1. On whose behalf will the power of God work?

2. Those who comprehend his love.

B. Praise Given

1. How will those who comprehend the love of God live?

a. Unto him

b. Give him glory

c. In the church

d. Through Jesus

e. Forever

Conclusion

1. We need to comprehend the love of God.