

Introduction: How much does God love us?

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

1 John 3:1a

What kind of love comes from God?

Agape – Divine, giving, and unselfish love

Two ways God give us His love:

1. It is given _____.

¹⁶ 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

2. It is given _____.

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

God's love is boundless; it is has no boundaries:

*¹⁴ When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father, ¹⁵ the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. ¹⁶ I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ 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.*

Ephesians 3:14-19

- **How wide is God's love?**

Wide enough to reach every person in the whole world.

Luke 15:7,10

- **How long is God's love?**

It spans all the ages past and all the ages to come; it's eternal.

Jeremiah 31:3

- **How high is God's love?**

Nothing can ever separate us from His love.

Romans 8:38-39

- **How deep is God's love?**

It reaches every area of our lives.

How should God's love affect us?

1. We can live with _____ that God will take care of us.

Romans 8:32

2. We can live with the _____ that our lives are very valuable and important to God.

Ephesians 1:3-6

3. We can live with _____ from guilt and condemnation.

Hebrews 4:15

4. We can live with the _____ that God deeply loves our unsaved loved ones and never stops pursuing them.

Matthew 18:11-14

5. We can live with the _____ that our future is secure in His hands.

Philippians 3:20-21

Discussion Questions:

1. God loves us sacrificially and unconditionally. Describe a time in your life when you've seen God's love demonstrated in these two ways.
2. Sometimes we forget how great God's love is for us. What might be preventing you from experiencing God's boundless love? What Scripture passage can you think of that affirms God's unfailing love for you?
3. Take some time to read Ephesians 3:14-19. What is God showing you through this passage? Write down your thoughts.
4. How has God's love affected the way you think about Him, yourself, and your future?