

KNOW LOVE LIKE HIS



THE BOUNDLESS DIMENSIONS
OF GOD'S LOVE



that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is **the breadth and length and height and depth**, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

EPHESIANS 3:16-19

- Encompassing Love - Breadth
- Purifying Love - Height
- Covenantal Love - Length
- Sacrificial Love - Depth

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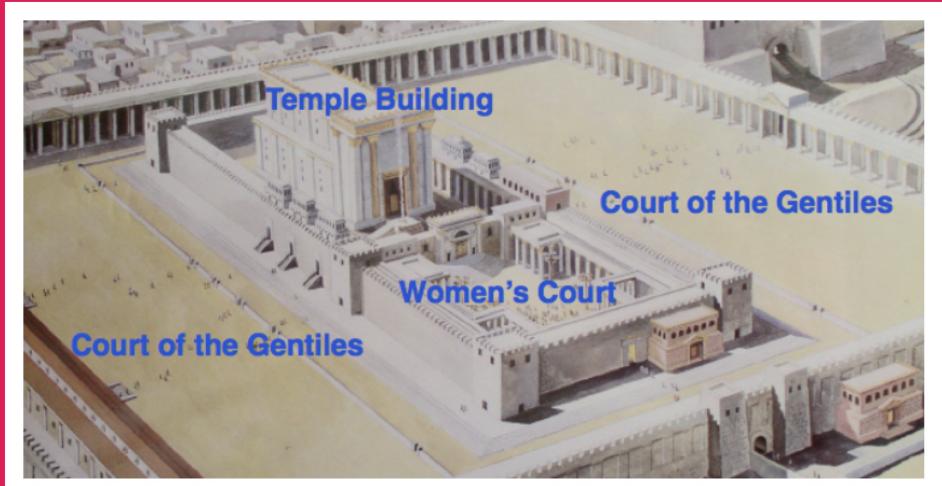
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4. We respond to His purifying love by recognizing Him as Lord and Savior, and depending on Him for life and sustenance.