



**KNOW  
LOVE LIKE  
HIS**

THE BOUNDLESS DIMENSIONS  
OF GOD'S LOVE



**EVERY NATION**  
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<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**EPHESIANS 3:17-19**

**LOVE HAS DIMENSIONS  
MEASURABLE - LENGTH, BREADTH,  
DEPTH, HEIGHT**



## WEEK 1

Encompassing Love - Breadth  
(extends to all spheres of reality, whether  
it's nations, cultures, or ideas)

## WEEK 2

Purifying Love - Height  
(to make us holy and raise us to Christlikeness)

## WEEK 3

Covenantal Love - Length  
(faithful over a long period of time)

## WEEK 4

Sacrificial Love - Depth  
(reached into the deepest valleys of  
death to save us)

## Bathos (βάθος)

- depth, background, bottom, back, far end, deepness

The Bible often uses the idea of “**depth**” to mean more than just something physical. The Greek word ‘**bathos**’ can refer to **literal depth (parable of the sower in Matthew 13 and Mark 4, or Jesus asking Peter to cast nets to deeper waters in Luke 5)**, but it is also used to describe **spiritual depth**, such as God’s wisdom (Romans 11), purposes or love (Ephesians 3).

# SIN IS THE PROBLEM

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

**ROMANS 3:23**

but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

**ISAIAH 59:2**

# SACRIFICIAL LOVE = DEPTH

When Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to death, offering Himself to save us.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

**PHILIPPIANS 2:8**

# CHARLES WESLEY - AND CAN IT BE, THAT I SHOULD GAIN?

Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

## MATTHEW 27:27-50

### Jesus Is Mocked

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup> And they **stripped him and put a scarlet robe** on him, <sup>29</sup> and **twisting together a crown** of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And **kneeling before him, they mocked him**, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> And they **spit on him** and **took the reed and struck him on the head**. <sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

# MATTHEW 27:27-50

## The Crucifixion

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, **“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”** <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by **derided** him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, **mocked** him, saying, <sup>42</sup> “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also **reviled** him in the same way.

# MATTHEW 27:27-50

## The Death of Jesus

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “**Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?**” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

# COMPARISON WITH THE ELECTRIC CHAIR



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The electric chair has gradually been replaced as the main method of execution

**An inmate in the US state of Tennessee has been executed by electric chair after arguing that a lethal injection would involve suffering.**

AFP

The image shows a wooden electric chair in a room with brick walls. The chair is made of light-colored wood and has several metal components, including a large metal plate on the backrest and various straps and restraints. The room has a concrete floor and a brick wall in the background. The BBC logo is at the top, and a navigation menu is below it. A caption and a news headline are at the bottom, along with the AFP logo.

CRUCIFIXION

VS

ELECTRIC CHAIR

Capital Punishment



Capital Punishment

Lowest class of people



Lowest class of people

Intensified and prolonged agony



Humane and quick

Public humiliation



Permitted dignity  
(mask or hood)

# SACRIFICIAL LOVE = DEPTH

1. Out of love, Jesus endured pain, torture, humiliation, and a sense of abandonment from the Father.
2. Out of love, Jesus bore our punishment, ultimately offering His life as an atoning payment for humanity's sins, so that we get to be offered eternal life and purification to those who believe (John 3:16).
3. Out of love, Jesus gave us a new command in John 13:34-35:  
A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

- The early Christian theologian Origen (c. 185–c. 254 AD) called Jesus' death the "utterly vile death of the cross".
- “If we want proof of God’s love for us, then we must look first at the Cross where God offered up His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Calvary is the one objective, absolute, irrefutable proof of God’s love for us.” - Jerry Bridges
- “Love. How did one show it? How could God Himself show truth and love at the same time in a world like this? By dying. The answer stood out for me sharper and chillier than it ever had before that night: the shape of a Cross etched on the history of the world.”  
- Corrie ten Boom

# I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back; no turning back.  
If no one joins me, still I will follow;  
No turning back; no turning back.  
The cross before me, the world behind me;  
No turning back, no turning back.



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