

# The Geometry of God's Love

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Turn tonight in our Bibles to the New Testament and tonight we are turning to Paul's letter to the Church at Ephesus, Ephesians and we are turning to chapter three. So if you have got a Bible or a New Testament with you let's follow along as we read some wonderful verses of Scripture together, God's wonderful Word, from Ephesians chapter three and tonight we are reading from verse number eight.

Ephesians chapter three verse eight. The apostle Paul is the speaker. He recognizes what he is before the Lord. He is a humble man and the Lord always blesses humility. The Lord says, "Humble yourselves under the Lord or in the sight of the Lord and he will exalt you in due time."

Paul says in Ephesians chapter three verse eight:

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the

power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

Now to Ephesians chapter three this evening. You might have guessed already that the text that we want to consider is found in verse number 18 of the chapter. It is found in the midst of a prayer that the great apostle offers from verse number 14.

He says, “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”<sup>2</sup> And then he offers this wonderful prayer for the people of God at Ephesus and he says in verse number 18 that his desire is that they, “May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.”<sup>3</sup>

Let’s...

As a young boy I was brought up in a Presbyterian Church in Lisburn. My mother sent me along to virtually every meeting that it was possible for me to go to. Went to Sunday school in the morning and then two services often times on the Lord’s Day. Went to the Christian endeavor on a Friday night and then during the week we went along to the boy’s brigade.

And I remember every year we had a display round about this time of year, round about Easter time and I can remember from a little boy and the anchor boy standing right at the front of that display and as the years went by growing up into what was called the company section at the display window. And we would always, every year, sing that wonderful hymn, “Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, while the clouds unfold their wings of strife?”

And then the chorus went, “We have an anchor. It keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll, grounded, firm and deep in the Savior’s love, fastened to the rock which cannot move, grounded, firm and deep in the Savior’s love.”

I want to ask you tonight: Have you got a salvation? Have you got a faith? Have you got an assurance? Have you got a hope for eternity that is grounded firm and deep?

I am glad tonight that I am not trusting in my own good works. I am glad tonight that I am not trusting in the Free Presbyterian Church, but I am trusting in Jesus Christ. And my faith tonight is not grounded in anything that I have done. My faith tonight is grounded firm and deep in the Savior’s love.

It was the prayer and the desire of God’s servant, the apostle Paul, that people in the city of Ephesus might have that same experience. In verse 17 of the chapter that we have read together the apostle Paul says:

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<sup>1</sup> Ephesians 3:8-21.

<sup>2</sup> Ephesians 3:14.

<sup>3</sup> Ephesians 3:18-19.

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.<sup>4</sup>

You know, there is a lot of people tonight, I suppose, in maybe this church, certainly in this denomination that know a lot about the love of Christ. They know so much about it that they could stand up and preach it week after week. Maybe there is one here tonight and you know a lot about the love of Christ. But Paul is not merely praying that the people at Ephesus would know about God's love. Certainly that is part and parcel of it, but his great desire is that they would know experimentally the love of Christ, that they would come to that reality of having an experience of the love of God.

And, dear friend, tonight my prayer for you is that you would experience reality. My prayer for you tonight is that you would experience and know experimentally the length and the breadth and the depth and the height of the love of God.

You know, if you are not saved tonight—and only you can say in this congregation whether you are saved or not—but if you are not saved tonight, your greatest need is to experience and to know the love of Christ. If I am speaking tonight to one that has grown cold and hard, one that is wayward, one that is backslidden, and only you can tell us that you are backslidden and only you know it, your greatest need tonight is to know more of the love of Christ. If you are struggling tonight as a Christian with doubts, fears and temptations, your greatest need and my prayer for you tonight is that you would experience the love of Christ. If you are downcast and if you are discouraged and if you have grown weary, it is my prayer tonight that you would see afresh and come to know afresh God's love for you.

You know, I believe with all my heart tonight that there is no greater subject in all the world and there is no greater subject in the Word of God than to consider and to contemplate the love that God has for sinners.

The old hymn writer said, "Wonderful things in the Bible I see. But this it he dearest, that Jesus loves me."

You know, if I was to read to the Bible tonight from Genesis to Revelation and learn about God's power and learn about God's holiness and learn about God's purity and learn about God's righteousness and about God's justice and about God's authority and every single doctrine of God, but could not come to the conclusion that God loves me, how miserable I would be.

And so I say to you tonight, "Wonderful things in the Bible I see. But this is the dearest that Jesus loves me."

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<sup>4</sup> Ephesians 3:17-19.

A famous theologian was asked towards the end of his life the question: What is the most profound truth that you have learned in your life of studying God's Word? And that person that asked the question expected to hear some great doctrine expounded, expected to hear something very deep and perhaps very profound. But whenever that theologian turned around he said, "The greatest thing that I have learned in studying the Scriptures the greater part of my life is this, that Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so."

This book that we hold in our hands tonight is God's love letter to a fallen world. From Genesis to Revelation time and time again God is saying, God is proving, God is declaring, God is demonstrating, God is typifying the love that he has for a fallen world.

Deuteronomy chapter seven verse eight says, "Because the LORD loved you..."<sup>5</sup>

1 John chapter four verse eight says, "God is love."<sup>6</sup>

John three verse 16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."<sup>7</sup>

Romans chapter five verse eight. "God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."<sup>8</sup>

Ephesians two verse four. "But God who is rich in mercy with his great love wherewith he loved us."<sup>9</sup>

John 15:13. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."<sup>10</sup>

Oh, tonight I don't profess to be able to understand it. I don't profess tonight to be able to take it in.

In fact, the apostle Paul says so great is the love of Christ, he says in verse 19, that it passeth knowledge. It cannot be comprehended. It cannot be fully understood. Nobody can plumb the depths or attend the heights of the love of God. But nevertheless it is true. And yet Paul gives us what we might say is an oxymoron. He says, "My prayer, my desire, my wish for you is that you would know the love of Christ which passes knowledge."

Tonight we are going to try and comprehend the incomprehensible. We are going to try tonight to know something that largely speaking is unknowable. Tonight we are going to

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<sup>5</sup> Deuteronomy 7:8.

<sup>6</sup> 1 John 4:8.

<sup>7</sup> John 3:16.

<sup>8</sup> Romans 5:8.

<sup>9</sup> Ephesians 2:4.

<sup>10</sup> John 15:13.

consider something that the Bible says in 1 Peter chapter one verse 12 that the very angels of God desire to look into. I want to speak to you tonight upon the greatest of all subjects. I want to speak to you tonight upon the subject, the geometry of God's love.

I was never very good at school and certainly didn't enjoy studying math or geometry or anything like it, but whenever I come to the Word of God I read about the geometry of God's love because Paul speaks about its breadth. He speaks about its length. He speaks about its depth and he speaks about its height. In other words, this is the love that is four dimensional. This is a love that goes out in all kinds of directions. And this is a love that is full orbed and full and complete, the geometry of God's love.

I want, first of all, to speak about the breadth that it extends to. He says that he desires that they may come to understand or comprehend with all saints the breadth of the love of Christ. What breadth does God's love extend to?

Have you ever thought about it? Have you ever even considered it, the breadth and the scope that God's love extends to? It extends to all types of sinners.

Romans chapter three verse 23 says, "All have sinned and have come short of the glory of God."<sup>11</sup>

But sin manifests itself in a multiplicity of different ways. Whenever we look out in the world tonight we see all different types of sinners and yet such is the love of God in Christ Jesus that this majestic and magnificent love can extend to every one that confesses that they are sinners.

Whenever I read the Word of God I see that the breadth of God's love extends to religious sinners because I read about Saul of Tarsus who from a little child was brought up in the household of Israel. He said he was a Pharisee of the Pharisees. He was trained at the seat of Gamaliel. He says as touching the law of God he was blameless. Concerning zeal, persecuting the Church. A deep dyed religious sinner.

And yet on the road to Damascus the love of God reached him. I read about irreligious sinners and I think, for example, of Abram who was called from Ur of the Chaldees as God called him and God loved him.

Maybe tonight you are religious. Maybe tonight you are irreligious. You can experience for yourself the love of God.

I read in the Scripture about rebellious sinners like King Manasseh who caused his very children to pass through the fire as he offered them a living sacrifice unto a heathen deity. And yet the love of God was so broad it reached even a rebellious sinner like Manasseh.

The love of God is so broad that it reaches the blasphemer. It reaches the drunkard. It reaches the adulterer like the Samaritan woman that the Lord sat down at the well and

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<sup>11</sup> Romans 3:23.

witnessed to her and won her to himself. It reaches the drug addicts. It reaches—and many people might not even like to think about it—it reaches the sodomite. It reaches the child abuser. It reaches the homosexual.

You see, the Bible says that there are certain people who will not inherit the kingdom of God in 1 Corinthians chapter six, adulterers, fornicators, blasphemers, effeminate, proud, liars, and all these different things. And then he turns to the church at Corinth and he says, “But such were some of you.”<sup>12</sup>

And the love of God brought them in. The love of God can reach the respectable sinner like Cornelius. It can reach the prostitute like Rahab. It can reach the wayward sinner like the prodigal son and it can reach the deceitful sinner like Zacchaeus.

And you know something? There was a day in my life of a young boy of 13 over in a camp in Inneskillen whenever the love of God embraced me and I realized that there was a God in heaven above me, a God that loved this sinner so much that he sent his Son to die for me. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Do you know, it is so wonderful and it is so high that you can't get over it and it is so low that you cant get under it and it is so broad tonight that you will never get round it. It is a wonderful, wonderful love.

You know, the Lord Jesus Christ said in Matthew chapter 12 verse 31. “All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men.”<sup>13</sup>

Maybe tonight I am speaking to one and you think I am too big a sinner to get saved. Maybe tonight you have lived a life that has rejected Christ for years and you will say, “Well, there is no point in getting saved now.”

I will tell you God still loves you. Maybe there has been lies that have been covered up in your life. God can forgive. Maybe some act of sexual immorality. God can cleanse it away. Maybe unfaithfulness to your children or to your husband or perhaps to your wife or to your parents. God can forgive you for that because Jesus Christ's love is very wonderful. So broad it is that it reaches all types of sinners. So broad it is as well that it reaches all types of social classes.

You know, God's love is not bestowed on the basis of love or wealth or fame or success or social standing. God's love is not bestowed upon the weak and the downcast and the sick and the infirmed because he takes pity upon them because of their condition, but God's love is bestowed freely.

I don't think there was a more wealthy man in Scripture than king Solomon. God loved him. I don't believe there was a man in Scripture that was as pure as the beggar spoken of in Luke chapter 16 whose name was Lazarus who laid at the gate of the rich man who

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<sup>12</sup> 1 Corinthians 6:11.

<sup>13</sup> Matthew 12:31.

was full of sores and desired to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. And yet the love of Christ can raise that poor man. The love of Christ embraces the outcast like the demonian of Gadarra.

You see, well did Peter say in Acts chapter 10 verse 34 that, "God is no respecter of persons."<sup>14</sup>

You know, I cannot point at any man or woman that I ever meet in life, any young person, any old person, no matter how weak or defiled I think they are and think that that person is beyond the love of God. Any sinner that you see whether it be a drunkard lying in the streets who has squandered his life, his money, his marriage, his health on riotous living, the love of God is so broad that it can reach even him.

Martin Luther says, "God does not love us because we are valuable, but we are valuable because God loves us."

God's love is so great that it extends to people of all ages. You know, it is not something that we earn. God does not kind of grow to love us whenever we reach a certain age and have lived a reasonably good life and God kind of loves us because of our personality. Neither does God go off us whenever we reach a certain age and our cup of iniquity is almost full does God cease to love us. Right at the beginning of days the Lord Jesus Christ said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."<sup>15</sup>

Why did he say that? Because God loved us at the beginning of days and God also loved us at the end of life as well because he turned to the dying thief and he says, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."<sup>16</sup>

God loved little Samuel who served the Lord in the temple maybe five or six years of age in the same way that he loved Anna spoken of in Luke chapter two who the Bible says was a widow of 84 years.

The youngest person in this church tonight, God loves you. The oldest person in this church tonight, God loves you. So broad is the love of God that it extends also to all nations.

The book of the Revelation chapter five and verse number nine says that around the throne of God, "They sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Acts 10:34.

<sup>15</sup> Mark 10:14.

<sup>16</sup> Luke 23:43.

<sup>17</sup> Revelation 5:9.

Revelation seven verse nine, “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues.”<sup>18</sup>

You know, the Jews thought that God’s salvation was exclusively for them. Some of the cults in the world tonight, the Jehovah’s Witnesses or the Russellites, the Mormans think it is for them. But listen. God’s elect extends into every nation, every kindred, every tribe, every tongue, every language that was ever spoken. God’s love is so broad. There is not one nation or tribe or town or city or village in this world that is outside of God’s love because God’s love is so broad that we can’t get round it.

God doesn’t love you tonight because you are a Protestant. God doesn’t love you tonight because of the denomination that you belong to. God does not love you tonight because you are a Free Presbyterian or a Calvinist or because you carry the Authorized Version of Scripture or because you tie your hair up in a bun or because you believe exclusively in believer’s baptism. God is bigger than all these things and God is love. God’s love is the broadest love that the world has ever known.

Nobody ever loved as many as my Savior. I think of the geometry of God’s love and I think of the breadth that it extends. But whenever I think of the geometry of God’s love I think, as well, about the length that it goes to. And whenever we consider what Paul says about the length of the love of Christ we have to consider its duration.

Jeremiah chapter 31 verse three, the Lord says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love.”<sup>19</sup>

God’s love is as great as God is. One of God’s attributes is love. God is infinite, eternal and unchangeable and so is his love toward his people.

You know, I want to tell you tonight that there was never a time in eternity past, dear child of God, where God did not love you. And there will never be a time whenever God will not love you. Before the foundations of this world God loved you. Before this world ever fell into sin God loved you. Away back in eternity past whenever God saw what would happen to this world, God the Father called upon God the Son and called him his elect child and God made a covenant with his Son that his Son would come into this world and give himself to a Roman cross and shed his precious blood and in return for that, God would give to his Son a people because God loved the world of sinners lost and ruined by the fall, salvation full at highest cost he offers free to all throughout his earthly ministry.

The Lord Jesus Christ often referred to the commission that had been given to him from the Father. He says in John chapter six verse 38:

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of

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<sup>18</sup> Revelation 7:9.

<sup>19</sup> Jeremiah 31:3.

all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.<sup>20</sup>

Whenever Christ offered his great high priestly prayer in John 17 he said in verse four, “I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.”<sup>21</sup>

Verse nine he says, “I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.”<sup>22</sup>

Such was the love of God that he sent his Son in this great covenant agreement to die on the cross for sinners. How good is the God we adore. Our faithful unchangeable friend, his love is as great as his power and knows neither measure nor end.

The length of God’s love is seen in its duration. It is from everlasting to everlasting. But the length of God’s love is seen also in the distance it went to, that Jesus Christ would save sinners.

Have you ever thought in Scripture about how far the Lord Jesus Christ went just to express and demonstrate and show his love to individuals? In John chapter four I read about my Savior walking through 30 miles of desert in the baking heat of the day to sit down beside a woman who had committed adultery and was an outcast in society just because he loved her.

In Mark chapter five I read about the Savior sailing through a storm in the Sea of Galilee to go to the land of the Gadarenes to meet there an outcast who was possessed with a legion of devils just because he loved him.

Mark chapter 10 I read about the Lord walking 15 miles from Jerusalem to Jericho just to meet there a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, just to give him back his sight.

Acts chapter eight I read about Philip going to Ethiopia because the Lord saw there a man who had travelled 1700 miles to try and find the answers in life.

And do I think about the love that God has for me and the length that he went to for you? And he stepped out of heaven and come into this world. He stepped out of eternity and he came into time. He took upon himself a human body. He became man and then he gave his disciples a commission to go into Jerusalem and into Judea and then to Samaria and then to the uttermost parts of the world. And here we find ourselves in the northerly coast of the island of Ireland, thousands and thousands of miles from Jerusalem with a Bible in our hands that men gladly had their place burned for and died a martyr’s death and the Word of God is open and in the providence and in the sovereignty of God, you are here in

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<sup>20</sup> John 6:38-40.

<sup>21</sup> John 17:4.

<sup>22</sup> John 17:9.

this meeting tonight. Why? Because God loves you and because God is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”<sup>23</sup>

No, the Bible says in Hosea 14 verse four, “I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely.”<sup>24</sup>

You know, there is nothing that you can do tonight that would ever cause God to love you more. And there is nothing that you could ever do tonight that would cause God to love you less.

Thomas Brooks the Puritan said the only grounds for God’s love is God’s love. The only reason he loves us is quite simply because he loved us. He even loves those that hate him and those that reject him.

I read about the rich young ruler who rejected the Lord Jesus Christ for his wealth and for his riches and the book of Mark chapter 10 verse 21 says, “Then Jesus beholding him, loved him,”<sup>25</sup> a Christ rejecter.

And I will tell you tonight. You will reject him all your life and he will still love you and he will love you to the gates of hell. Dear friend, tonight I ask you this question. Is it well with your soul? This is the broadest love. This is the longest love that the world has ever known.

I read in this text the Scripture about the depths of God’s love and I think about the depths that this love took. You know in reality if we are honest and we think about ourselves and who we are and what we are in Adam, sinners, and I think of the depth that he stooped to. He stooped so low to lift so little. I think about Christ coming into this world, being born as a little baby in a manger in Bethlehem. Let me tell you it wasn’t enough to save sinners.

I think about him taking upon himself the likeness of sinful flesh. It still wasn’t enough to save sinners. I think about what he preached and what he said. It still wasn’t enough to save sinners. I think about the example that he set down. It still wasn’t enough to save you and me.

The Bible says that he descended into the lower parts of the earth and he sat with publicans. He sat with sinners. And he sat with religious hypocrites and he hated their sin, but he sat with them and he loved them, but it still wasn’t enough.

But then I read about the depth that he went to in the garden of Gethsemane, how he fell upon his face and his sweat was, as it were, great drops of blood falling to the ground, but it still wasn’t enough. And I read about him going to Pilate’s judgment hall and being

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<sup>23</sup> 2 Peter 3:9.

<sup>24</sup> Hosea 14:4.

<sup>25</sup> Mark 10:21.

whipped stark naked as he was tied to a post and being crowned with thorns and punched and spat on and laughed at.

But let me tell you. It still wasn't enough. I read about him being nailed to a cross and lifted up between heaven and earth. And ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers and the hammer that nailed him to the cross was in my hand. But let me tell you. It still wasn't enough.

But whenever darkness fell and my Savior cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"<sup>26</sup> and bearing shame and scoffing rude and in my place condemned he stood. He sealed my pardon with his blood. Praise the Lord it was enough because he cried out it was finished.

How deep is the love of Jesus?

But none of the ransomed every knew how deep were the waters crossed or how dark was the night that the Lord passed through ere he found the sheep that was lost.

You know, tonight I am standing where the fire has been. He was even buried in a borrowed tomb. And let me tell you tonight if that isn't love then the ocean is dry. There is no stars in the sky and the sparrows can't fly if that isn't love.

When I think about the depths that he went to but I think as well about the depths that he brings us from. The psalmist David was able to say in Psalm 40 verse two that he lifted me out of an horrible pit and he set my feet upon a rock. He descended into the muck and he descended into the mire and he led captivity captive as he plucked us as brands from the burning.

Maybe tonight you are in a pit that you can't get out of. Maybe you are bound and fettered by some sin that you can't lose yourself from. Maybe it is some old habit. Maybe it is some problem at home. Maybe it is some problem in the work place. Maybe it is some problem in the marriage. Maybe it is something that nobody knows anything about. Maybe it is guilt and you are scared that you will be found out.

Let me tell you. All that can change tonight. Why? Because love is able to lift up. Love lifted me. Love lifted me. When no one but Christ could help, love lifted me.

God asked Adam the question in the Garden of Eden. "Where art thou?"<sup>27</sup>

And I want you to listen. And I want you to answer that question in your heart and in your soul. Tell me tonight. Where art thou? Where are you in relation to God? Where are you tonight in life? Where are you in relation to eternity?

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<sup>26</sup> Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34.

<sup>27</sup> Genesis 3:9.

Let me tell you that right now that you get right with God. God loves you and he can lift you out of the depths. It is his deepest love that man has ever known. Nobody ever loved me like Jesus, how deep the Father's love for us, how vast, beyond all measure that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.

Whenever I read about the geometry of God's love, I read about the breadth that it extends to. I read about the lengths that it goes to. I read about the depths that it stoops to. But I also read about the height that it lifts us to.

You think about the height that God's love can lift you to in time. The Bible says in 1 John chapter three verse one, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."<sup>28</sup>

God's love can make a beggar into a prince. God's love can bring us from death into life. God's love can bring us from darkness into light. God's love can bring us from the broad road unto the narrow road. It can bring those who are far off and bring them near by the blood of Christ. God's love can make a sinner into a saint. God's love can make a child of wrath into a child of God. God's love can get you access to God's throne in prayer. It can give you peace and joy and assurance and forgiveness. It can make you an heir with God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. It can give you acceptance with God.

Time would not allow us tonight to plumb the depths or the heights that God's love can bring us to. So high does the love of God bring us to that nothing can ever separate us or pluck us from that place.

Paul says in Romans 8:35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"<sup>29</sup>

Verse 37. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."<sup>30</sup>

Did you ever think about the height that God's love brings us to, not only in time, but also in eternity? His love redeems us from hell and his love brings us to heaven, a place where there is no sickness, no sorrow, no suffering, no separation, but all blessed and glory and happiness forever with Christ which is far better.

You know, it is the height love that the world has ever known. It is perfect love.

Let me ask you tonight. What about it? Are you going to reject this love again? Are you going to laugh at it and are you going to go your own way and go on being cut off from God and then ultimately cut off forever? You know, God loves you tonight. And that love is a free gift of God's grace. We don't deserve it. God has got no obligation to love

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<sup>28</sup> 1 John 3:1.

<sup>29</sup> Romans 8:35.

<sup>30</sup> Romans 8:37.

us one moment longer than he does. The fact that you are here tonight in this meeting is a solemn fact that God loves you.

You know, to reject this love do you know what you are doing?

It is as if Christ is on the cross behind me and you have seen what he has done for you. You have seen the broadness of his love. You have seen the length of his love. You have seen the depths of his love and you have seen the height of his love. And it is as if you go up to that cross and you lift him down and you set him over the door of this church as you stamp on his heart as you go out of this meeting. And you say, "I do not want this man to love me. I do not want to love him."

May God have mercy upon your soul and mine. And for those of us who know and love the Lord, may we go on to know much more about the breadth and the length and the depth and the height of God's wonderful love.

We are going.