

3-week Sermon series

Looking at the connections, relationships, networks, communion involved in who God is and how we relate to him and each other.

1. **“Behold your God”** Theology: *IntraTrinitarian Love*
2. **“Abide in me”** Christology: *Union with Christ*
3. **“Love one another”**. Ecclesiology: *the Love of God in the Body of Christ*

"...Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that



may be in them, and I in them."

- Jesus of Nazareth,

John 17:24-26

...for God is love. 1 John 4:8

Did the plan of Jesus materialize, and this request of Jesus get answered by His Father?

Yes!

- On the Day of Pentecost when the Spirit was poured out
- At the coming of the Spirit into our hearts:  
*“...and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:5*
- (Included in this love of God which was poured out:)
  - God’s love to us
  - Our love of God
  - God’s love in us to others

**“Abide in me”** Christology: *Union with Christ*

John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me

- **Are you troubled?** There are Rooms within his Father's house John 14:1-4;23
- **Are you needing purpose?** A branch in a Vine, cared for (cleaned, lifted, pruned) to bear maximum, lasting fruit (John 15:1-16)
- **Are you weary and burdened?** Come unto Me and rest....yoked to the Strongest Burden-bearer (Matthew 11:28-30)
- **Are you dying?** He has Flesh and Blood to eat and drink (John 6:48-68)
- **Are you thirsty?** Here is water of life to drink, which then becomes an artesian well. (John 4:14, 7:37)

- **You need a place to belong?** Members of his body, of his flesh, of his bone.
- **Are you vulnerable to temptation?**  
Remember that now where you go, he goes.  
You are Joined to the Lord and you're one spirit with him (1 Corinthians 6:15-20)
- **Are you weak, tempted, assaulted, or persecuted?** He feels all that. (Hebrews 2:14-18) (Hebrews 4:13)
- **Are you lonely within yourself?** He stands at the door and knocks, would like to eat with you. (The Revelation 3:20)
- **What's your long-term future looking like?** (Colossians 3)