

# ***The Depth of Christ's Love (Ephesians 3:18)***

## **I. Preface**

- A. Review context of Ephesians chapter 3
- B. Why consider the love of Christ topically as we are?
- C. Setting the course for this sermon
- D. Opening Prayer
- E. Introductory illustration: *Marian Trench*

## **II. Just how deep does Christ's love extend?**

- A. Total Depravity
  - 1. Jer 17:9, Eph 2:5, Rom 3:23, James 2:10, Isaiah 59:2
- B. Sins of commission (breaking the commandments)
- C. Attitudes are sinful
  - 1. Exodus 20:17, Gal 5:19-21
- D. Sinners by nature
  - 1. Rom 3:10-18, Psalm 51:5, 58:3
  - 2. Young people do you know this about yourself?
  - 3. Eph 4:18, Rom 7:18, Rom 8:8, John 15:5, 6:44, 8:34
- E. **Application** "*Lord, show me myself!*"
  - 1. Unsaved: This is step 1 to being saved!
  - 2. Christian: Labor to know this about yourself!
- F. Total Depravity is neglected in churches today
  - 1. issues have replaced sin
  - 2. The vernacular of preachers of old
  - 3. The vernacular of the modern church
  - 4. A Gospel call to Repentance and Faith

## **III. The Depth of Christ's Love**

- A. A comparison to human love
  - 1. Human love is dependent upon the object loved
  - 2. But God loves those who hate Him
    - a. Ezekiel 16:1-8
- B. The love of Christ revealed in the Incarnation and the Cross

## **IV. Applications**

- A. The love of Christ is deeper than your deepest pit –
  - 1. Psalm 69:1-2,15
  - 2. Deep calls unto deep – Psalm 42:7
  - 3. His arms are deeper still – Deut 33:27
- B. Rejoice sinner! You are the object of His love (Ps 63:7-8)
- C. Reach deep in your love for others

## **V. Conclusion – Summary – Isaiah chapter 59**