

Church of Christ

... Heart to Heart ...

The words can easily flow, “I love you brother or sister!” When we feel good or seem to be in our best form spiritually, it becomes easy to let those words out and share that with those around us. But when our brethren take us seriously about our love for them, asking for help or needing our time, our “mood” changes. Let someone whom we say we love disagree with our cherished opinions or something we study and fences go up quickly. Our love can be so shallow for each other that it takes very little to separate us!

Those serious about the love of God will openly admit they know little about it. We see a depth that our minds can’t comprehend when it comes to God’s love for us. “And to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge...” (Eph. 3:19) God’s love goes beyond our knowing, however, it’s not beyond our reach of its preciousness. “So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth.” (Eph. 3:17-18) In Paul’s prayer, he asks God to root the saints in love, to grasp the *breadth* and *length* and *height* and *depth* of that love.

God’s love is *wide* (breadth). It can reach to all humanity, not just a select color or race. The death of His Son, which is where love is learned, reaches to the ends of the earth.

God’s love is *long*. His love is so long that there is not any thing that will hold Him back from saving someone. He will pay whatever it takes to reconcile people. Doesn’t the cross teach us that? It is one thing to like a person or enjoy their company, but it’s a completely different thing to love with the love of Christ.

God’s love is *high*. He is constantly, through His Son, calling us upward into Him. It shows us to love those who disagree with us, to reach out to those who don’t like us and help them see Christ’s love for them as they reach upward.

God’s love is *deep*. The depth of love means God loves those we find unlovable! People who hurt us and take advantage of us or abuse us make it very difficult to love them. But not the love of God. He is still reaching out, loving, offering His all on their behalf.

It is one thing to **talk** about love but it’s another to love! We need the eyes of our hearts enlightened so we can grasp the love that God is trying to get into us. We need to stop putting up doors and bolting them. If we really understood how God has loved each of us in Christ, it would do things to us; and we would be filled to the fullness of God by being carried away with His purposes (Eph. 3:19). Think about it!!!