

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

"The Love of God"

John 3:16

INTRODUCTION:

1. In the **Old Testament** the Bible gives us the dimensions of the Holy of Holies in:
 - a) **The tabernacle** - 15ft x 15ft x 15ft - a perfect cube
 - b) **The Temple** - 30ft x 30ft x 30ft - a perfect cube
2. In the **New Testament** the Bible gives us the dimensions of the **New Jerusalem**:
 - a) 1500 miles x 1500 miles x 1500 miles - a perfect cube
3. The only light in the Tabernacle, The Temple, and The New Jerusalem is the "*Glory of the Lord.*"
4. Each of these is a reminder of the dimensions of God's love.
 - a) The Breadth of God's love!
 - b) The Length of God's love!
 - c) The Depth of God's love!
 - d) The Height of God's love!
5. **Revelation 21:22-27**
6. **John 3:16**

FOUR DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S LOVE

I. THE BREADTH OF GOD'S LOVE

1. Vs 16

- a) "**For**" - is a conjunction that refers us back to **verse 15**.
- b) "Agape" love is the absolute highest form of love there is.
 - 1) Agape love is a "**choice**" kind of love!!!
- c) "*For God so loved the world*" - that's humans...not dirt and stardust.

2. **1 John 2:15** - Humans

3. **Romans 5:8**

II. THE LENGTH OF GOD'S LOVE

1. Vs 16

a) "That He gave"

2. Here's a fact: "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."

3. The EVIDENCE of your love for God is what you give to Him!!!!

4. Matthew 6:21

5. So what did God give? "*His only Son*"

a) One of a kind son.

6. When God gave Jesus, He gave it all!!!! Vs 14

7. Acts 2:22

III. THE DEPTH OF HIS LOVE

1. Vs 16

a) "*that whoever believes in Him*"

1) "whoever" - anybody

2. The depth of Jesus Christ on the cross was absolutely sufficient!!!

3. Vs 16

a) "*that whoever believes*"

1) "believe here is a verb!!!

4. "*Believe*" in the Bible contains *emotion, intellect and will.*

5. "*Believe*" - means to **actively** put your trust in Him!!!

6. It is to **actively believe in the Gospel!!!**

7. Vs 16

a) "*shall not perish*"

8. Sobering: Revelation 21:11-15

IV. THE HEIGHT OF HIS LOVE

1. Vs 16

a) "*but have eternal life*"

2. Revelation 21:15

a) Roughly - 1500 miles x 1500 miles x 1500 miles

3. **Max Lucado** says that if God would put floors in this new city like an architect does a building....it would have over 600,000 stories ample enough room for literally billions of people to live.

4. Revelation 21:22-27

5. We will be free!!!! **John 10:10**

a) No Satan

b) No more temptation

c) No more wasted lives

6. **2 Corinthians 5:8**

CONCLUSION:

1. **Ephesians 1:4-6**

2. One of the fundamental principles of God's love is that it is inseparably tied to His Glory.

3. **Ephesians 1:11-14**

a) "*To the praise of His glory*"

4. **John 3:16**