

Longing For Love

Part 1: "Personal Love"

Part 2: "Unconditional Love"

Part 3: "Powerful Love"

Isaiah 54:10

INTRODUCTION – THE SOIL OF OUR GROWTH

Romans 8:31-39

THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S LOVE – 2 WORDS

1) Hebrew = *Hessed*...

2) Greek = *Agape*...

THE FOUNDATION OF GOD'S LOVE – ONE REASON

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

1 John 4:8, 16

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD'S LOVE – 3 EXAMPLES

1) The Humiliated _____

Luke 15:11-32

2) The Betrayed _____

Hosea

Jeremiah 3:8

3) The Abandoned _____

Matthew 26:69-75

John 21:15-17

THE FOCAL POINT OF GOD'S LOVE – ONE EVENT

John 15:13

Romans 5:8

CONCLUSION: WILL YOU ACCEPT THE GIFT?

John 3:16

Romans 6:23

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

1. After reviewing your sermon notes, share one new thing you learned this week or one thing that still puzzles you.
2. Of the three examples that were used to illustrate how we hurt God and how he keeps on loving us, which do you most easily apply to your life? Are you most like: a) a wayward child? b) an unfaithful spouse? c) an embarrassed (and embarrassing) friend? How so?
3. Read **Romans 8:28-39**.
 - a) What is your favourite verse of this passage? Why?
 - b) If not our comfort, what do these verses say is God's ultimate goal for our lives?
 - c) How does **verse 29** specifically strengthen your understanding of God's love for you?
 - d) How is Christ's crucifixion specifically used in this passage to help us see the full extent of God's love?
 - e) What are the five questions and their answers in **verses 31-35**? What is Paul's point in each one?
 - f) How could the different forces of **verses 38-39** potentially disrupt our trust in God's love? Which one is the most real to you these days?
4. What is one thing you can/will do this week to better honour, receive, and show gratitude for God's love for you?