THE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S LOVE

(Colossians 3:14-21)

INTRODUCTION

(1 John 4:8) "God is love" and (John 3:16) "God so loved the world that he gave ... "

"Love" - an attitude and action of one that provides a way to benefit others.

"Comprehend" - understand; learn; to grasp mentally; gain knowledge of something.

This lesson includes God's word and hymns we sing:

(2 Tim. 3:16) "profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, for instruction" (Col. 3:16) "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns"

1. "BREADTH" - it's world-wide, the gospel is for all.

God's love is extended to a world of people: (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 10:35)

Hymn #1015 "Jesus Loves The Little Children"

2. 'LENGTH" - we have the greatest demonstration of God's love.

(John 15:13) "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." and (Matthew 20:17-19)

Hymn #386 "He Loves Me"

3. "DEPTH" - God's love (grace) reaches me; it reaches all of us.

(Isaiah 1:18) "sins be as scarlet ... be red like crimson: (Romans 5:8-9) "while we were yet sinners" (Psalm 40:2-3) "out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay"

Hymn #453 "Love Lifted Me" (v1 and v3)

4. "HEIGHT" - God's love enables us to set our sights on heaven; takes us to heaven.

(Philippians 3:14-15) "... the high calling of God in Christ Jesus ... "
(Col. 3:1-2) "... seek ... set your affection on things above ... "
(John 14:1-3) "... that where I am, there ye may be also."

Hymn #539 "Higher Ground" (v1 and v4)

CLOSE - (John 14:15) "If ye love me, keep my commandments"