

FOUR DIMENSIONS OF CHRIST'S LOVE

(Ephesians 3:14-21)

INTRODUCTION - (v17-18) "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the **width and length and depth and height** - to know the love of Christ ... "

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

"Comprehend" - to catch hold of; understand; to grasp mentally; learn; to gain the ~~kn~~owledge of something.

(1 John 4:9) "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him"

Hymn #133 **The Love of God** v3 "Could we with ink ... parchment ... a quill ... a scribe ... to write the love of God above ... "

The Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16) and our hymns (Colossians 3:16) are included in this lesson to aid us in comprehension of Christ's love.

THE 4 DIMENSIONS OF CHRIST'S LOVE

1. "WIDTH" - its breadth; the gospel is for all; it's world-wide in invitation.

Christ's love and invitation is extended to a world of people; none excluded.

(Mark 16:15-16) "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. he who believes and is baptized will be saved" Note also (Acts 10:35)

Hymn #632 O Spread the Tidings 'Round

2. "LENGTH" - God, Christ, went to great lengths to demonstrate this love.

(John 3:16 and 15:13; Matthew 20:17-19)

Hymn #386 He Loves Me

3. "DEPTH" - the love (grace) of Christ reaches me; it reaches all of us; lifts us up!

(Isaiah 1:18; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 5:8-9; Psalm 40:2-3)

Hymn #453 Love Lifted Me v1 and 3

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

(Philippians 1:14-15; Colossians 3:1-2; John 14:1-3)

Hymn #539 Higher Ground v1 and 4

CLOSE - We cannot doubt Christ's love for us, and He said, in (John 14:15) "If you love Me, keep My commandments."