

ROOTED IN LOVE

Ephesians 3:17-19

INTRO:

- A. Paul's desire was that the Ephesians would come to know the scope of God's love for us.
- B. Have you trusted in the love of God?

I. LOVE BEGINS WITH GOD

- A. God so loved. John 3:14-16
- B. Because God is love. I John 4:8-10
- C. To make us His children. I John 3:1-2
- D. Christ gave Himself for us. Ephesians 5:1-2
 - 1. Laid down His life. I John 3:16
- E. While we were sinners. Romans 5:6-8

II. THE NATURE OF HIS LOVE

- A. It is big/surpassing knowledge. Ephesians 3:17-19
- B. Tied to His mercy & grace. Ephesians 2:4-9
- C. Love suffers long. I Corinthians 13:4-8
- D. Love does no harm. Romans 13:8-10
- E. Love even your enemies. Matthew 5:44-45

III. RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

- A. Love Him completely. Matthew 22:36-40
- B. Obey His commands. John 14:15,21; I John 5:2-3
- C. Live for Him. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
- D. Love one another. I John 4:7-11

CONCLUSION:

- A. We know of God's wrath for the unrighteous, but we also know of His love for us even while we were sinners.
- B. His love is almost too big for us to comprehend but He shows it to us through Jesus.
- C. The proper response is to love Him in return and obey His commands.
- D. Are you trusting in His love? Have you obeyed Him?
- E. Won't you start today?