

EPH 3: 18-19 | WE MAY APPREHEND

VS 18 "MAY BE ABLE" ^{TO} ~~TO~~
COMPREHEND

- THAT CHRIST DWELLS IN YOUR HEARTS -

① HIS ~~CHARACTER~~ CHARACTER -

"SON OF GOD" - "TOTALLY GOD" -
"THE HOLY SPIRIT" "LIVES"

- IN THE INNER MAN - ①⑥

② HIS CONDUCT -

VS 19 - "KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST" -

ON THE CROSS - THE OBSERVERS
- "REVILED" HIM - (MAT 27:40)

- "IF THOU BE THE SON OF ~~MAN~~ GOD -
- COME DOWN FROM "THE CROSS" -

"THEY WERE SAYING" -

- "USE YOUR "DIETY" - TO PUT AN END
TO YOUR "HUMAN" SUFFERING -

"BUT"

- JESUS DID NOT COME TO "SPARE" -
HIS HUMAN LIFE - "NO"

- "HE CAME TO SUFFER" - "TO BE
PUT TO "SHAME" - TO BE A -
"SACRIFICE" - "FOR OUR SINS" -

"HE" - "CHRIST"

USED HIS "DIETY" - "ONLY" - TO
"BENEFIT" - "ALL" - MANKIND -

HIS MIRACLES - WERE FOR MAN'S
"BENEFIT" - "OUR"
"BENEFIT" -

(MAY YOU BE ABLE TO
"COMPREHEND" THIS
"THAT")

③ CHRIST'S CONVERSATION -- "LOVE"

HIS LOVE -- THAT HE WANTS TO PLACE
WITHIN OUR HEARTS: (17)
-- BY FAITH --

"CHRIST DWELLS" IN YOUR HEART --
"SO" -- "LOVE DWELLS" IN YOUR HEART

I] WE HAVE ACCESS -- (13-15) "AND"

II] WE HAVE ANOINTING -- (16-17) "NOW"
PAUL PRAYS:

III] WE BE APPREHENDING -- "BY THIS"
-- "INWELLING" -- (IS HAPPENING)

"OUR HEARTS" ARE "HIS HOME" --
-- THIS HINGES ON OUR FAITH --

OUR BEING WILLING TO BELIEVE --
-- AND -- "QUIT TRYING" -- TO BE --
"LIKE CHRIST" -- AND -- START
"TRUSTING" --

"HIS INWELLING LOVE" TO TAKE
OVER -- "THE CONTROL" OF --
"MY" "OUR" "LIVES" --

"SO" -- LET US ~~BE~~
UNDERSTAND -- AND -- BE
APPREHENDED -- BY THIS LOVE --
PAUL PRAYS -- -- FOR:

(A) THIS LOVE -- TO BE EXPERIENCED --
THAT IS:

-- "ROOTED" + "GROUNDED" IN HIS LOVE --

[LOVE IS NOT SOMETHING -- WE ADD TO
OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES -- "AS" ~~GOOD~~
TIME GOES ON -- --]

LOVE --
-- IS THE ROOT & GROUND (FOUNDATION)
OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE --

SEE:

PAUL -- USES TWO ILLUSTRATIONS:

THE WORLD OF THE BIOLOGIST --
-- ROOTED (A BULB GROWS) --

THE WORLD OF THE BUILDER --
(WHO ALWAYS LAYS A GOOD FOUNDATION)

-- WE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT --
START --

① ROOTED -

- A PLANT WILL NOT GROW -
UNLESS - IT IS ROOTED IN THE
PROPER SOIL -

HERE:

LOVE IS THE SOIL IN WHICH - "ALL"
"CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE" -
- MUST GROW -

IF WE LACK LOVE - "IN OUR LIVES"
- ALL OUR SERVICE - WILL BE:

(1 COR 13:1) LIKE "SOUNDING BRASS"
& "TINKING CYMBAL" -

- THE SOIL OF THE SOUL - "WITH LOVE"
"APPLIED" -

"PROVIDES THE NUTRIENTS"
"NECESSARY" "TO SUSTAIN"
"FAITHFUL", "FRUITFUL" "CHRISTIAN
LIVES" -

"GOD'S EVERLASTING LOVE"
IS WHAT JESUS EXHIBITED IN HIS
"LIFE - & DEATH" - AND "WE" -

"ARE OF THE SAME ROOT" - "WILL PRODUCE"
"THIS SAME LOVE IN OUR LIVES"
- ROOTED -

② GROUNDED - (FOUNDATION)

(IN MATT 7:25) JESUS EXPRESSES
THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR FOUNDATION

"ROCK OR SAND" -- THE RAIN
CAME -- "AN HEAT UPON" --
-- PUT TO THE TEST -- (IF YOU WILL)

"THE FOUNDATION"

"LISTEN"

NO MATTER HOW GREAT A CHRISTIAN
ORGANIZATION -- WE BUILD --

NO MATTER HOW EFFICIENT -- AND --
"SEEMINGLY SUCCESSFUL" WE ARE --

NO MATTER HOW IMPRESSIVE A
CHURCH -- WE ERECT -- "IF"

"OUR EFFORTS -- ARE NOT --
GROUNDED IN GOD'S LOVE --

(THEY WILL AMOUNT TO NOTHING)

LOVE MUST BE THE BASIS OF THE
LIFE OF A CHURCH -- OTHERWISE
-- IT CANNOT LAST --

(A) THIS LOVE TO BE OUR EXPERIENCE —

(B) THIS LOVE IS FULLER EXPLAINED — (18)

(ITS DIMENSIONS)

(C) THE LENGTH OF IT —

[—HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE — &
WHY DID GOD START LOVING US?]

WELL MAYBE:

IF WE ASK — ^{OR} WHEN WILL HE STOP —
LOVING US?

(— WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND —)

IF WE ARE DISOBEDIENT & FALL
INTO SIN — & BRING SHAME &
DISHONOR — TO HIS NAME —

(WILL HE STOP LOVING US?)

— WHAT IF WE SIN AGAIN & AGAIN —?

(MATT 18: 21-22) (WE EXCEED 70 TIMES 7)

(NO — GOD WILL NEVER STOP LOVING US) —
"I" JESUS SAYS:

WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR
FORSAKE YOU —

⑥ THE BREATH OF IT - (18)
(HOW WIDE IS GOD'S LOVE?)

WONDER OF WONDERS - IT IS
WIDE ENOUGH - TO INCLUDE "ME"

IT IS WIDE ENOUGH TO EMBRACE
- THE WHOLE WORLD (JOHN 3:16)

TO EMBRACE EVERYONE -

- ANYONE - "CAN COME"

- I WILL NOT CASE YOU OUT !!

⑦ THE DEPTH OF IT -

(HOW DEEP IS GOD'S LOVE?)

⇒ JUST LOOK AT WHAT HE DID -

⇒ HE LEFT HEAVEN - FOR HELL -

HE TREAD THE LONG ROAD FROM -

GALILEE - TO - GETHSEMANE - WHERE

HE WEPT HIS HEART OUT OVER SIN -

"THEN"

TO GOLGOTHA + NAILED TO A CROSS -

TO THE GRAVE - "THEN" RESSURECTION

- TO REDEEM MANKIND -

WHAT DEPTH

① THE HEIGHT OF IT - (18)
- (HOW HIGH IS GOD'S LOVE) -

→ HE HAS ASCENDED TO GLORY - +
SITTING AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND -

"BUT", NOT
(JESUS HAS ~~NOT~~ FORGOTTEN US) -

→ WE ARE SEATED WITH HIM -
→ IN THESE HEAVENLY PLACES -

"UNTIL"

AS HE PROMISE - "I WILL COME AGAIN"

"THAT"

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→ WHERE I AM - YE MAY BE - ALSO -

④ TO BE EXPERIENCED -

⑤ TO BE FULLY EXPLAINED -

③ THIS LOVE IS FULLER EXPUNDED - (19)

[IT SURPASSES - CREATURE'S ABILITY
TO UNDERSTAND -

[LOOK AT CALVARY - LOOK AT A LOVE
THAT IS STRONGER THAN DEATH - -

"A"

LOVE THAT MANY WATERS - CANNOT -

QUENCH - "A" LOVE THAT WILL "NOT"

LET US "GO" - IT PASSES "ALL"

"KNOWLEDGE" - "YET" - "WE CAN"

EXPERIENCE IT -

① THAT WE BE "FILLED" — "TO"
"ENABLE" (BY THIS FILLING)

FILLED WITH THE FULLNESS —
— OF GOD —

SO "CHRIST BECOMES —

① OUR SOURCE —

"THE TOTAL" "LEADER" — OF OUR
"LIFE'S WORK" & "WORSHIP"

② OUR SCOPE —

HE IS PRAYING THAT —

IN OUR CHARACTER —

IN OUR CONDUCT —

IN OUR CONVERSATION —

— WE WOULD BE "EXAMPLES" OF CHRIST —

③ THE SECRET —

BE "FILLED" BY THE "HOLY SPIRIT"
+ BE "FAITHFUL" TO HIS LEADING —