

DIGGING DEEPER

Ephesians 3

Link to sermon: [Sermon August 9, 2020](#)

- Assuming that most of Paul's readers know *about* the love of Christ, what is the difference between knowing something factually and knowing it experientially?
 - Look at vv. 1-2 and 7-8. What was Paul's attitude toward his ministry?
 - What was the expectation of Jews concerning the Messiah? What did they think would happen to the Gentiles when the Messiah came? What happened instead?
 - This passage reminds us that God's grace flows into our lives not only for our own benefit but also for the benefit of others. Paul clearly saw how he fit into the big picture of God's plan. How do you see yourself fitting in?
 - Read 3:13 - read 1 Corinthians 4:9-13 and 2 Corinthians 11:24-29. Summarize the suffering Paul is referring to as he carried out his apostolic mission. In light of this passage what would make us willing in spite of the personal sacrifice?
 - How does knowing the truths of God's mystery embolden, and encourage us to approach the Lord?
 - Why is it that some believers lack the confidence that God would like them to have?
 - How does the Holy Spirit help strengthen our inner being, and increase our faith?
 - Why is it so important to be rooted, and grounded in love?
 - How does having a fuller understanding of God's love bring us fulfillment?
 - Are you aware of God's great love for you, and how does that affect your life?
 - In the sermon, Pastor Lance Identified four stages to experiencing the presence and the power of God in your life the way that God truly desires from verses 16-19.
 - 1) Strengthen your inner being- time in God's word/Prayer
 - 2) Christ dwells - Deepen your faith, takes root.
 - 3) Abide in Love
 - 4) Be filled with the fullness of God
- Is there one or more of these areas that needs some attention?

Spend some of your prayer time praising God for the ways you have experienced his love.