

#### Ephesians 3:14-20

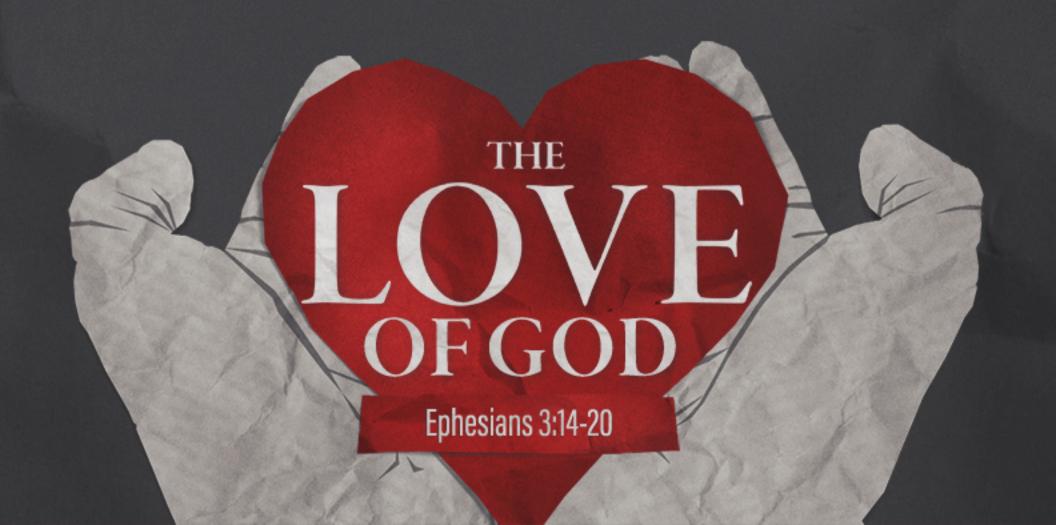
14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

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18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen

## INTRODUCTION



#### OURVISION

To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ

## 2022 - OUR YEAR OF SUPERNATURAL INCREASE

#### Genesis 26:12 (ESV)

12 And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him

#### WHATIS LOVE?

#### Pre-modern: (Prior to 17th Century):

Judeo-Christian world view: People looked to the Church and God for answers.

#### Modern: (17th Century):

Man wanted to do away with religious assumptions. They believed man can became universally objective (no bias) and develop a Universal perspective (one way of thinking).

#### Post-modern: (20th century on wards):

No absolute truth. Man rejects anything universal and rejects absolute truth. Truth is what works for me!

#### Quote

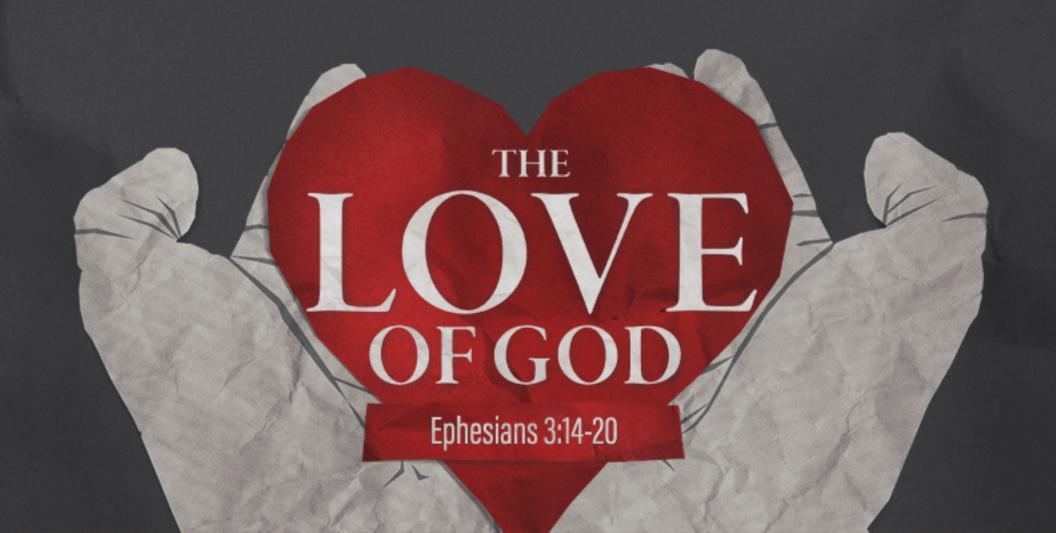
"...the love of God in our culture has been purged of anything the culture finds uncomfortable. The love of God has been sanitized, democratized, and above all sentimentalized"

~D. A. Carson

# So what is LOVE?



# God is the SOURCE and DEFINITION of love.

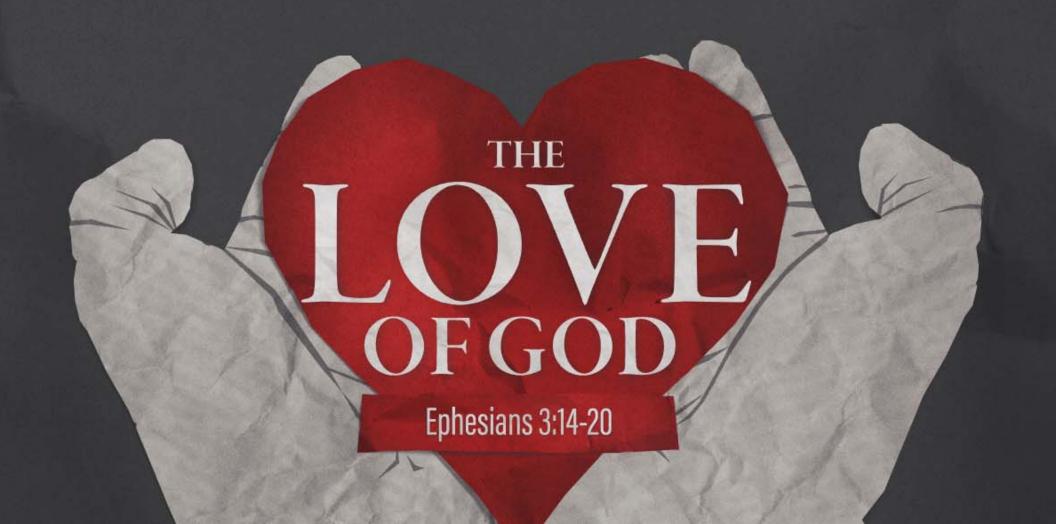


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# God's love is our root and foundation:

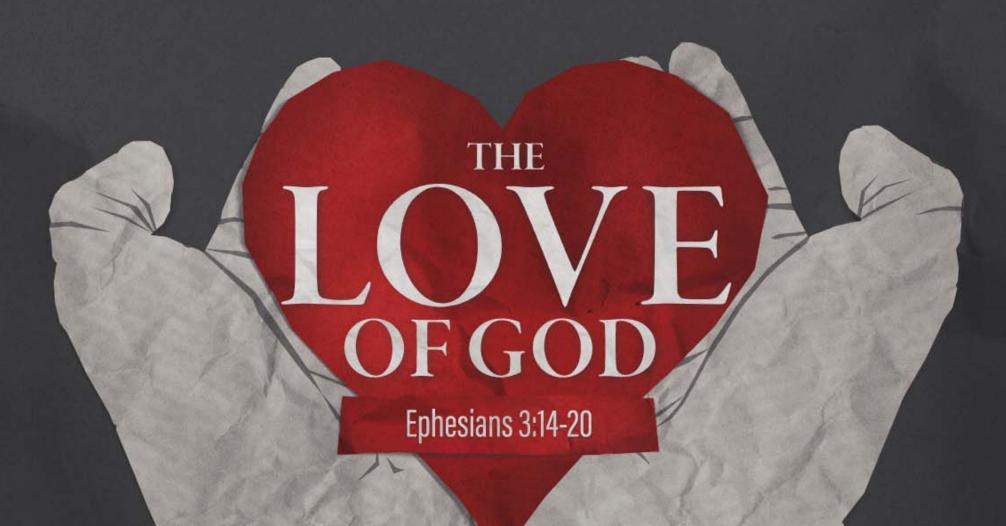
God's love is the strength of our faith!



#### Ephesians 3:16-17

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. - how? And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

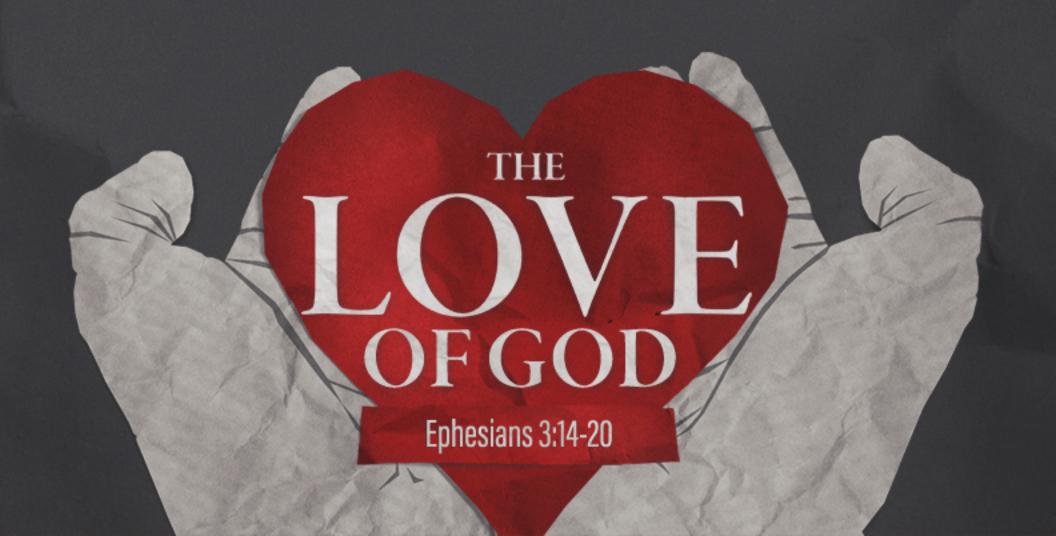
# God expects us to know the full measure of his love for us by learning of the LOVE of CHRIST.



#### Ephesians 3:18-19

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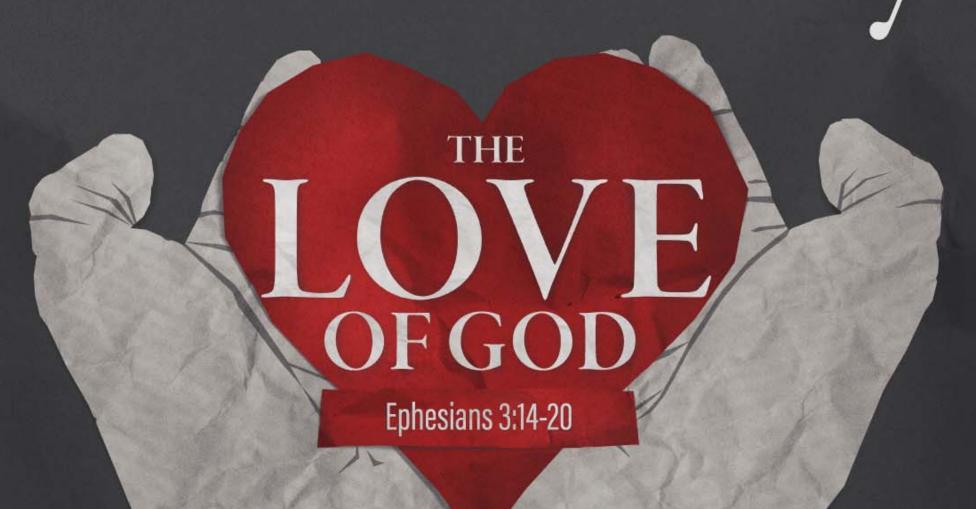
# God shows us His love by showing us His deeds



#### John 5:19-20

19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

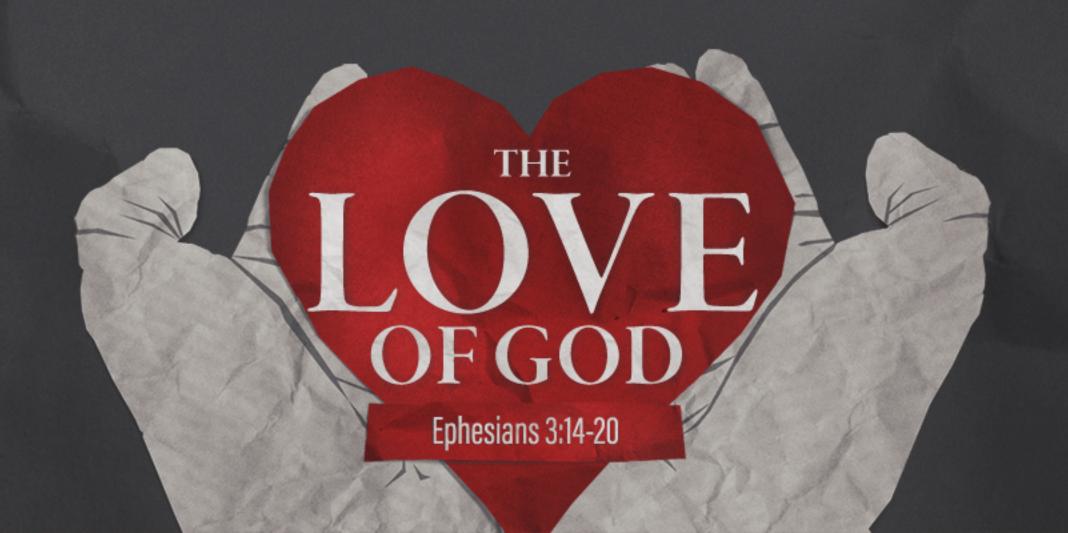
# You truly know you have the LOVÉ of GOD when your heart begins to open to the deeds and testimony of Jesus!



#### John 5:39-40, 42-43

39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.
42 I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.

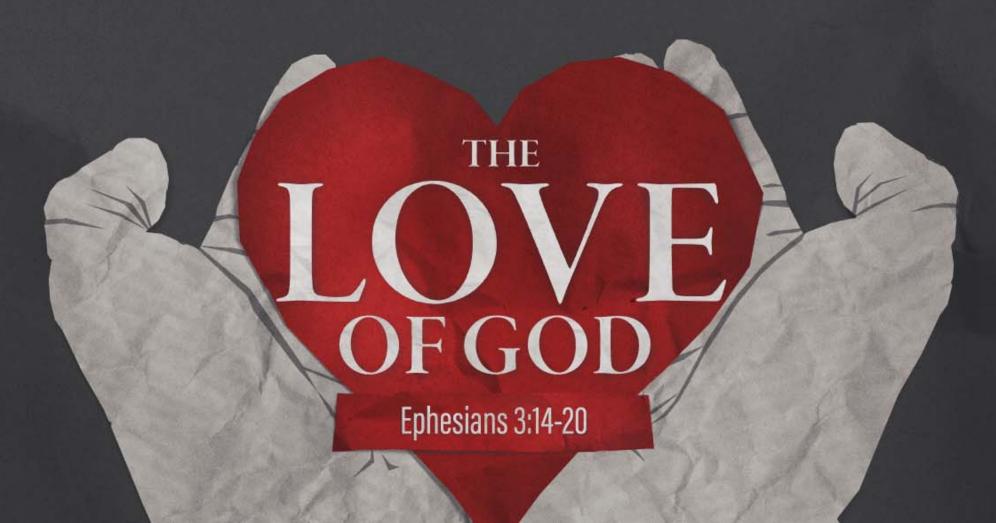
# God shows us his LOVE by revealing himself to us in Christ!



#### Ephesians 3:19

..and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

# God expects us to respond to his love BECAUSE He enables us to IOVEHIM



#### Deuteronomy 4:4-5

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

#### Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

#### 1 John 4:9-11

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## CONCLUSION

