

THE LOVE OF GOD

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If you've ever watched a 3D movie, it gives you a clear, realistic view of what's happening. In some ways, it draws you into the story just as if you were there. In his teaching, the apostle Paul expresses God's love from a 4D perspective—width, length, height, and depth. Join the Discover the Word team this week for a conversation that explores the multidimensional characteristics of God's transforming love.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Ephesians 3:1. Here Paul refers to himself as a "prisoner of Christ Jesus." What does he mean?
- In Ephesians 3:17–18, Paul prays for the believers in Ephesus, encouraging them to understand how wide, long, high, and deep is the love of God. Why would Paul go beyond a three-dimensional perspective to explain God's love?
- Read Psalm 103:12 and 2 Peter 3:9. God shows how wide His love is for us through the forgiveness of our sins. How wide does the Scripture say His love is for you?
- In Psalm 89:2, God shows us love through His faithfulness. How long does His love for you last?
- Read Isaiah 55:9 and Habakkuk 3:19. How does God show how high His love is for you?
- Read Genesis 1:6–7; Isaiah 7:11; Psalm 139:7–9. As these verses describe the heavens and the earth, how do they also show you the depth of God's love for you?
- God wants us to live our lives knowing that we are loved by Him. How does Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14–20 help you understand God's love for you so you can "live loved"?



CHALLENGE

Find a quiet place where you can spend some time alone with God. Close your eyes and imagine how wide, long, high, and deep His love is for you. Consider making this a daily practice to remind you of the 4D love of God that surrounds you from all angles at all times.



COMMIT TO MEMORY

"[May you] grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ".
(Ephesians 3:18).



PRAYER

Dear God, help me to grasp your 4D love for me that I may "live loved" at all times. In Jesus's name, Amen.