

21st Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, October 14, 2018
“Radicalis: Deepening Your Spiritual Roots ~ Radical Love”
John 3:1-17

The Bible doesn't describe love as a _____ or an emotion, but first and foremost, as a _____ from God.

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God...” (1 John 4:7)

God's love is most fully expressed in _____.

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only son into the world, so that we might be live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his son for us.” (1 John 4:9-10)

The love of God that we see in Jesus is a _____ love; a love that has the power to _____ and re-create us; to bring forgiveness, healing, and new life; to mend broken _____, strengthen the weak and nurture the strong.

The love of God that Jesus taught, lived, and calls us to is a radical love—not based solely on feelings and emotions, but rather on _____ and _____.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

4 KINDS OF LOVE

eros = _____ love

phileo = _____ love

storge = _____ love

agape = _____ love

Agape love is a universal, _____ love, that transcends and serves regardless of the circumstances.

JOHN 3:16 AND GOD'S LOVE

#1. John 3:16 teaches us that God's love is _____. Many people, consciously or unconsciously, think that God is _____ at them.

So = *houtos* = an adverb of _____ =

God's love for us is _____; _____; lavish—no one will ever love us as much as God does.

“God is love.” (1 John 4:8)

Love is God's very _____—His _____. He created us to be the _____ of His love.

“Long before he laid down the earth's foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of his love.” (Ephesians 1:4)

“May you be able to feel and understand how long, how wide, how deep and how high God's love really is and experience this love for yourself.” (Ephesians 3:18)

Paul tells us that God's love for us is _____. We are not just meant to _____ God's love—we are meant to feel and _____ it.

THE 4 DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S LOVE

#1. God's love is _____ enough to last _____.

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.” (Jeremiah 31:3)

#2. God's love is _____ enough to be _____.

There is no place that we can go in life that God's love is not with us. We may not always _____ it—we may feel lost and alone; however, we're never _____ “Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?” (Psalm 139:7)

#3. God's love is _____ enough to handle _____.

There is no problem, pressure, stress, difficulty—nothing that we'll encounter in our life—that is _____ than God's love for us.

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38)

#4. God's love is _____ enough to overlook all our _____.

God loves to _____.

“Come now, let us argue this out,” says the Lord. ‘No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can remove it. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you as white as wool.’” (Isaiah 1:18)

Do you fully understand God's personal love for you?

#2. John 3:16 teaches us that God's love is _____.
Loving and _____ go together—you _____ give without loving, but you _____ love without giving.

“He is the image of the invisible God.” (Colossians 1:15)

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

“The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

Everything we've ever done _____ and everything we haven't done yet, but are going to do have been _____ for by Jesus.

“God took the sinless Christ and poured into Him our sins. Then in exchange, He poured God's goodness into us.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

“When Jesus served as a sacrifice for our sins, he solved the sin problem for good—not only ours, but the whole world's.” (1 John 2:2)

God loves so much that He _____ for us.

Are you aware of God's sacrifice for you?

#3. John 3:16 teaches us that God's love is _____.
God's love for us comes with a _____ clause—a clause that includes _____ . No one is _____ .

“The free gift of eternal salvation is offered to everyone.” (Titus 2:11)

Salvation is for _____—it doesn't matter what your economic status is; your ethnic or _____ background; social position; or even religious background—Jesus died for _____ .

“It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and you're ready to do what he says, the door is open.” (Acts 10:35)

“If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

Lord = kurios = someone's supremacy and _____; a person who exercises absolute _____ rights; a person who has the power of ownership, decision, and _____.”

When we accept Jesus as Lord, we're no longer in _____ of our life—that power and authority has been given to Him. We _____ and surrender all that we are and all that we have to Him.

“God says He will accept us and acquit us if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. We can all be saved in this same way by coming to Christ no matter who we are or what we've been like.” (Romans 3:22)

Believing isn't just _____—it isn't just saying, “I believe in Him.”

Believe = pisteuo =

Faith in Jesus is like an _____, a life jacket, or safety harness—it's more than just _____ knowledge—it is a _____ thing. To believe Jesus is the Son of God is to throw ourselves on Him and _____ in Him fully.

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” (Psalm 18:2)

Have you thrown yourself on Jesus?

Have you accepted God's invitation and received His free gift?

#4. John 3:16 teaches us that God's love is _____.
All God's children are guaranteed _____ life. All we have to do is trust in Him, _____ and look forward, to His promise.

However, eternal life is about far more than just _____—it is 3 _____ and involves our:

“What a God we have! Because Jesus was raised from the dead we've been given a brand new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven and the future starts now!” (1 Peter 1:3-4)

When we invite Christ into our life and accept His salvation, 3 things happen:

- Our past is _____.
- We find _____ and strength for living this present life.
- We are given a home in heaven for eternity in the _____.

“Right now God is ready to welcome you. Today he is ready to save you!” (2 Cor. 6:2)

How many of these dimensions are you living?



**Given these 4 things, how radical is your love?
Are you radicalis? How deep are your spiritual roots?**