

Growing Deeper in the Love of Christ

Ephesians 3:16-20

Introduction

- Do you ever feel distant from Christ?
 - Do you ever find yourself questioning His love for you?
 - Do you struggle loving other people or accepting love from others?
 - Do you find serving God to be a chore at times?
1. The key to all of these issues is growing deeper in the love of Christ.
 2. Do you desire to grow deeper in the love of Christ? If so, there are three decisions you must make, based on Ephesians 3:16-20.

I am determined to _____ and _____. vs. 16

1. Paul was praying for some divine, supernatural growth to take place in the inner spirits of these believers.
2. Do you know what spiritual growth looks like in the believer? _____!
 - *“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Hebrews 5:12-14*

I will trust Christ in _____ area of my life. vs. 17

1. As long as you withhold parts of your _____ from Christ, you will never know His love in a personal and intimate way.
2. As you give Christ every area of your heart, you become rooted and grounded in _____.
 - *“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.” Colossians 2:6-7*

I will accept Christ's unconditional _____ for me. vs. 18-19

1. How do you grow in the knowledge of this love?
2. It must be spiritually revealed through God's Word. You read God's Word and you accept it by _____.

Conclusion

1. When you make these decisions, what is the result?
 - God's love begins _____ over in your life. vs. 19b
2. Christ will begin doing things _____ you that you could have never imagined. vs. 20
 - There is no way God's love can be shared _____ you until you understand God's love _____ you.

Our Church Motto

Growing deeper in the love of Christ that we may share that love with others.