

# Are we rooted and grounded in love?

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**“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; That ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God” (Ephesians 3:17-19).**

Paul reminds us that we are to be rooted and grounded in love. God IS love, so if we are rooted and grounded in love, we are rooted and grounded in God. This brings stability into our lives so that nothing can shake us.

Paul speaks of the four dimensions of love. First, **the length** of God’s love is from everlasting to everlasting. **“Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love” (Jer. 31:3).** God is love and because He is, “He SO loves the world.” As far back as you can think through the millenniums past, God loved. As far into the future as when time becomes eternity, God will still love. His love is as eternal as God Himself. **“Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end” (John 13:1).**

**The breadth** of His love is all-inclusive. He longs to draw all mankind to His heart of love. “For God so loved the WORLD.” **It’s scope** takes in everyone. Jesus had compassion for all segments of society. The lame and the blind were ministered to by Him. He was ready to meet the needs of such guilt ridden adulteresses as Mary Magdalene and the religious intellectuals like Nicodemus. His love reached out to the loathsome lepers. **It is as broad** as the circumference of the world but only real in the lives of those who accept it through Jesus Christ.

The Duke of Wellington, the famous conqueror of Napoleon, was kneeling in a church one Sunday, ready to partake of communion. A private was also kneeling for communion. When the private discovered who was kneeling beside him, he was embarrassed. Quietly he arose, saying, “Pardon me, your grace.” Wellington pulled him down beside him saying, “In the presence of Jesus Christ there are no dukes.” The breadth of His love takes in everyone.

Wrapped up in His love is His plan and purpose for His children. The length and breadth of His love is like the boundless ocean---there is no end to it.

**Here is thought to ponder upon by Joan of Arc “If I am not [in a state of grace], God bring me there; if I am, God keep me there!”**