

**FOLLOWING LOVE**  
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**2 JOHN 6 AMPC**

- 1.) God desires to use us as vessels of His power in order to bring abundant life to hurting humanity. To win souls, mend the brokenhearted, heal the sick, liberate the captives and lead people into the warmth of His love.
  - A.) Jesus perfectly demonstrated this in His life and ministry. He came to do the Father's will (**LUKE 4:18-19**).
  - B.) Jesus was love guided. Everything He did was motivated by love. He perfectly followed love and got love results.
    - \* **MATTHEW 14:14** Compassion is being sympathetic toward the suffering of another coupled with a yearning desire to alleviate the suffering. Jesus didn't heal to prove His deity. He healed because of His compassion. He was love guided.
    - \* **JOHN 20:30-31** The things Jesus did were written, not performed, that people would believe.
    - \* **JOHN 21:25** Jesus did much more than what's been written.
    - \* **MATTHEW 15:29-39** The force behind the miracles was compassion. Jesus followed the flow of divine love which resulted in bodies being healed and food being multiplied.
  - C.) **JOHN 14:12** In order to do the works of Jesus, we too, must have compassion and be love guided. Remember **MATTHEW 16:24?** We deny self of living independent of God. We surrender to the will of God (submission). We imitate Christ and allow Him to make us what He wants us to be, (**MATTHEW 4:19**).
- 2.) Rooted and grounded in love. **EPHESIANS 3:14-20** Paul knew the potential of divine love; what it would do if given the chance.
  - A.) Individual: Fill us with His fulness, make us vessels of compassion and enable Him to do in us and through us exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think.
  - B.) Marriage: Pull down the walls built by selfishness and restore the troubled marriage or strengthen a good one.
  - C.) Family: Make a heaven-like atmosphere in the home.
  - D.) Church: Pull down walls of strife, division and jealousy and erect invincible walls of unity the enemy can't penetrate.
  - E.) Community: Make a highway for peace that enables people to live in harmony, looking out for the best interests of others.

**LOVE'S BOUNDLESS DIMENSIONS-EPHESIANS 3:18; JOHN 3:16**

- 1.) Breath: Creation **GENESIS 1:31-2:1** Adam Clarke Commentary on **GENESIS 1:31** "Superlatively, or only good; as good as they could be. The plan wise, the work well executed, the different parts properly arranged; their nature, limits, mode of existence, manner of propagation, habits, mode of sustenance, permanently established and secured; for everything was formed to the utmost perfection of its nature, so that nothing could be added or diminished without encumbering the operations of matter and spirit on the one hand, or rendering them inefficient to the end and proposed on the other; and God has so done all These marvelous works as to be glorified *in all, by all, and through all.*" The heavenly bodies love the earth, the earth loves man, man was to willfully love God.
- 2.) Length: Incarnation. God giving His Son reveals to what length God would go to reconcile man to Himself.
- 3.) Depth: Crucifixion. For us not to perish, Jesus experienced the full wrath of God for us.
- 4.) Height: Resurrection. God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenlies.

**SHED ABROAD - ROMANS 5:5 (ESV)**

- 1.) God's divine love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We have this divine love (Agape) in us now. God poured it into us so that He would be able to show His compassion for others through us.
  - A.) **1 JOHN 3:14** Nothing is more important to know than this. Love is the proof of one's salvation.

**CONCLUSION:** We have God's love in us. What are we doing with it? Are we following it and being guided by it?  
**JOHN 13:34-35.**