

Rooted Series
“Rooted in Love”
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Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

In order for us as believers to be kept strong in Christ, mature into the fullness of Christ, and know the power of Christ we must be rooted in God's love.

The most exciting journey you and I will ever dare to embark on is the journey towards knowing who God is.

As we observe the world in which we live, it doesn't take long to see that our society, families, and lives are being destroyed because people do not know who God is.

As long as people don't know who God is...

They will never understand what true life is.
They will never know who they could be.
They will never be able to know what God is like and expects.

Thankfully, God has revealed who He is through His word.

One important truth we need to understand is that God is knowable; but, God is also incomprehensible.

We must know who God is because it matters eternally.
We must know God intellectually, but we most definitely must know God personally and intimately.
We must also show who God is in order to reflect His communicable attributes to a lost and dying world.

Scripture: I. John 4:7-21 (NLT)

God is love.

What God's love is and is not:

The fact that God is love doesn't negate the fact that God is holy.
God's love doesn't mean that we can overlook or forget God's law.
Because God is holy, God's love is perfect.

Three Truths About God's Love

#1 God loved us. (past tense)

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-5 (NLT)

He chose you.

He adopted you.

He was pleased to all three!

#2 God loves us. (present tense)

Scripture: I. John 3:1-2 (NLT)

The only way to know what love is, is by knowing who God is.

Scripture: I. Corinthians 13:1-13 (NLT)

Knowing God loves us helps us understand:

He also Disciplines us

He also is with us always

Scripture: Romans 8: 35-39

What he expects of us as His children

#3 God's love transforms us, therefore enabling us to love.

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-19 (NLT)

God's love requires an active response from us as believers.

Scripture(s): I. John 2:15-17; I. John 3:16-18 (NLT)

Love God.

Love your neighbor.

Love your brother and sisters in Christ.

Love your spouse.

Love your children.

Love your enemies.

Because we are made in the image of God, we have the ability to reflect the things God both loves and hates.

We show who God is, when we know and show what love is by reflecting His communicable attributes to a lost and dying world.