

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

- (1) O the deep, deep love of Jesus –
Vast, unmeasured, bound-less, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me,
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love -
Leading onward, leading home-ward,
To my glorious rest above.
- (2) O the deep, deep love of Jesus -
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more,
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!
- (3) O the deep, deep love of Jesus -
Love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
"Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus -
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

- (1) How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond measure,
That He should give His only Son,
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.
- (2) Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there,
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.
- (3) I will not boast of anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

(1) The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice.

(chorus) How great is our God! Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

(2) And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(chorus)

(bridge) Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: how great is our God.
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(chorus)

RESPONSIVE READING: “The Supremacy of Love”

LEADER: Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

PEOPLE: And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing.

LEADER: And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, & though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

PEOPLE: Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

LEADER: Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

PEOPLE: Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

LEADER: Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

PEOPLE: Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

LEADER: For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

PEOPLE: But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

LEADER: When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

PEOPLE: For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face:

LEADER: Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as I am known.

PEOPLE: And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13)

O TO BE LIKE THEE

Special Music “O Glorious Love”

- (1) In my darkness Jesus found me,
Touched my eyes and made me see,
Broke sin’s chains that long had bound me,
Gave me life and liberty!
- (chorus) O glorious love of Christ my Lord divine,
That made Him stoop to save a soul
like mine!
Through all my days and then in heaven
above,
My song will silent never, I’ll worship
Him forever
And praise Him for His glorious love!
- (2) O amazing truth to ponder –
He whom angel hosts attend,
Lord of heaven, God’s Son, what wonder!
He became the sinner’s friend!

- (1) O to be like Thee! Blessed Redeemer,
This is my constant longing and prayer;
Gladly I’ll forfeit all of earth’s treasures,
Jesus Thy perfect likeness to wear.
- (chorus) O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee,
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art!
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness,
Stamp Thine own image, deep in my heart.
- (2) O to be like Thee! Full of compassion,
Loving, forgiving, tender and kind;
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting,
Seeking the wandering sinner to find.
- (3) O to be like Thee! Lowly in spirit,
Holy and harmless, patient and brave;
Meekly enduring cruel reproaches,
Willing to suffer others to save.
- (4) O to be like Thee! Lord, I am coming,
Now to receive the anointing divine;
All that I am and have I am bringing -
Lord, from this moment all shall be Thine.
- (5) O to be like Thee! While I am pleading,
Pour out Thy Spirit, fill with Thy love;
Make me a temple meet for Thy dwelling,
Fit me for life and heaven above.

SERMON OUTLINE
“The Test of Love” - 1 John 2:7-11

Intro:

I. Love: New in Emphasis – vs. 7

II. Love: New by Example – vs. 8

A. Emphasis Christ Placed on Love

B. The Quality of Christ’s Love

C. The Scope/Length of Christ’s Love

III. Love: New in Experience – vs. 9-11

A. Not to Love

1. live in darkness
2. be a stumbling block
3. hinders spiritual growth

B. To Love

1. live in the light
2. will not stumble
3. will grow spiritually

Conclusion: