



9:00 AM - 3:00 PM EXECUTION, DEATH, AND DELIVERANCE

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Sermon in a sentence:

Ephesians 3:17b-19--And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how **wide** and **long** and **high** and **deep** is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

1. Consider the _____ of God's love.

2 Corinthians 5:14,21--For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died...God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- Execution is the ultimate _____ for the ultimate _____.
- Crucifixion is the ultimate _____ inflicting the ultimate _____.

2. Consider the _____ of God's love.

Jeremiah 31:3--I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have drawn you with loving-kindness.

- Executions are _____; crucifixion was a _____ spectacle.
- Executions are _____ and somewhat merciful; crucifixion was designed to be an excruciatingly _____, _____, and _____ death.

3. Consider the _____ of God's love.

John 15:13--Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Romans 5:8--But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Crucifixion has been practiced for _____.
- Jesus understood the extent of the pain and _____ endured the cross for us.

4. Consider the _____ of God's love.

1 Peter 3:8--For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

How deep will the love of Jesus go for you?

- He took your _____.
- He _____ for you.
- He was _____ about you with each breath.
- He _____ for you.

Luke 23:44-46--It was about noon, and the whole land became dark until three o'clock in the afternoon, because the sun did not shine. The curtain in the Temple was torn in two. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, I give you my life." After Jesus said this, he died.

John 3:16,17--For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. How do you define love?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. How does God show His love for you? What does that spark inside of you?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.