

<sup>9</sup> **"I love each of you with the same love that the Father loves me. You must continually let my love nourish your hearts.**

<sup>12</sup> **"So this is my command: Love each other deeply, as much as I have loved you.** <sup>13</sup> For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all. And this great love is demonstrated when a person sacrifices his life for his friends.

<sup>17</sup> So this is my parting command: Love one another deeply!"

John 15:9, 12-13, 17 TPT

In the Book of Ephesians, Paul's inspired prayer is recorded:

"that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled **with all the fullness of God.**" Ephesians 3:16-19

We need to be strengthened with power through the indwelling Holy Spirit, so that we can know the love of Christ. It is only through revelation of the Holy Spirit that we can know the love God has for us, that we can experience it for ourselves. **Pray this: "Help me Holy Spirit to know the love of Christ, the breadth and length and height and depth of it."**

**If we do not know God's love for us, how will we love others the way Jesus commanded? Open your heart to Him to fill you with His love, accept it as truth, believe it and walk in it. He loves you unconditionally. He loves you affectionately. He loves you tenderly and He cares about your needs. His love for you is everlasting; it will never end. Reject any thoughts that are contrary to these truths about your Father and Good Shepherd and meditate on His word.**

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you." (John 15:9 ESV)

"You did not choose me, but I chose you." (John 15:16 ESV)

Let us receive and fully embrace the love God has for us, and then demonstrate that love to one another. **Let us "love one another deeply" and fulfil the parting request of Jesus.**

- 1) Have you opened your heart to the love of God?
- 2) Do you struggle to receive His love as truth?
- 3) Who do you know who you can show **God's love today?**

Based on today's reading, what is one thing God is saying to you?