



“Don’t leave your first love!” (Revelation 2:4)

A Study of the Book of Ephesians

Lesson Six = THE LOVE OF CHRIST (Ephesians 3:14-21)

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Introduction: In **Revelation 2:1-7** we read a letter from Jesus to the church at Ephesus. In that letter Jesus tells the Ephesians that He was disappointed that they had left their first love! What we have noticed in the book of Ephesians is that if they had listened to the apostle Paul, they would have recognized the signs. He gives them several reasons why they should fall in love with Jesus. In this lesson we are going to focus on the love of Christ. His love for us is amazing! As we dig through these verses, I think we will grow in our own relationship with Jesus. We will see Him as He sees us...through eyes of love! Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. The Lord’s Love is Overreaching (Ephesians 3:14-15)

- A. The love of a Creator for His created.
- B. The love of a King for His kingdom.
- C. The love of a Father for His children.

II. The Lord’s Love is Overwhelming (Ephesians 3:16-17)

- A. The inference of His blessings.
- B. The indwelling of His Holy Spirit.
- C. The interaction with His power.

III. The Lord’s Love is Overshadowing (Ephesians 3:18-19)

- A. He covers us with holiness.
- B. He covers us with grace and mercy.
- C. He covers us from the inside out.

IV. The Lord’s Love is Overflowing (Ephesians 3:20-21)

- A. His love can outgive more than we need.
- B. His love can outdo more than we can attempt.
- C. His love can outlast more than we can imagine.

Conclusion: The love of God is recorded on every page of Scripture. God gave His only Son. The Son gave His life willingly on the cross for our sins. **Romans 5:8** says, *“God shows His great love for us in this way: Christ died for us while we were still sinners.”* John said, *“We love because God first loved us” (I John 4:19).* Are you falling in love with Jesus? When you hear the message of Christ it should compel you to take action. Are you moved by the love of Christ? Are you ready to obey the good news of Jesus Christ? Are you ready to be covered by His blood in baptism? Are you ready to be filled with his Holy Spirit? Are you ready to walk with Jesus every day of your life? Are you ready to surrender to His will?