

The Height of Christ's Love (Ephesians 3:18)

- I. **Preface**
 - A. Review context of Ephesians chapter 3
 - B. Why consider the love of Christ topically as we are?
 - C. Setting the course for this sermon
 - D. Opening Prayer
 - E. Introductory illustration: *Avoiding the Bends in travelling from the Mariana Trench to the Stratosphere*
 - F. Love is the only thing that can transition for deepest depths to highest heights (Jn 3:31)
- II. **The Height of Love Defined**
 - A. Intra-Trinitarian love
 1. from before the foundation of the world (Jn 17:24)
 2. Jonathan Edwards' essay on the Trinity
 - a. Lover and Beloved (Father and Son)
John 5:20, Luke 3:22, John 10:15, 17:10,21, 10:30
 - b. The act of love (The Holy Spirit is Love)
1 John 4:8, 12-13, Rom 5:5, 2 Tim 1:7
 - B. And unconditional love
 1. unlike human love
- III. **The Height of Love Displayed**
 - A. In the past
 1. He passed over angels to set His love on humanity
 - a. Hebrews 2:16
 - b. 1 John 3:1
 - B. In the present
 1. He chastens us (Heb 12:6-8)
 2. He preserves us (Jude 24, 2 Tim 4:18)
 3. He is our fore-runner in heaven (Heb 6:19-20)
 4. He sympathizes with our weakness (Heb 4:14-16)
 5. He intercedes for us (Heb 7:24-26)
 - C. In the future
 1. He will bring us where He is (John 17:24, Rev 19:7)
 2. The Father loves you with same love which He loves the Son – and you will have an eternity to learn this!
 - a. You will forever be the objects of His love
(Eph 2:4-7)
- IV. **How then should we live? (Matt 6:33)**
 - A. A warning to those who are outside of Christ
 - B. Will you live as 'eschatological Christians?' (other-worldly)
 1. Edwards example in crisis
 2. How Matt 6:33 affects your families
 3. How Matt 6:33 affects our church
 4. How Matt 6:33 affects your work