"The Depths of the Love of God"

The Father's Love:

Jn 3:16 " 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."

Ps 136 "*His love endures forever*." is repeated in every verse. It was a response to the truth the worship leader was singing about God. God's love has no beginning and it has no end.

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

1 Co 2:9 ""What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him—"

Eph 2:4-5 "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

1 Jn 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! … "

1 Jn 4:10 "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

1 Jn 4:16 "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

1 Jn 4:19 "We love because he first loved us."

Jesus' Love:

Jn 13:1,12-16 "It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. … When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher,

have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him."

[Jesus took the role of the lowliest servant of the household. In other words, He was teaching us to humble ourselves, serve others and be willing to do the lowliest of tasks for the Kingdom of God.]

Jn 14:21 "Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.""

Jn 14:23 "Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

Rom 8:35,37 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? … No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Eph 3:16-19 "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18** may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Holy Spirit:

Rom 5:5 "And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

1Jn 4:12-13 "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit."

Our Love:

Jn 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

1 Jn 4:20-21 "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. **21** And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister."

Mt 22:37-38 "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

In Summary:

- God gave Jesus as an act of love.
- God's love never ends.
- We can't even begin to understand the wonderful things God has in store for us.
- God has made us His children.
- God is LOVE.
- God loved us first even when we were sinners and disobedient maybe even hostile to Him.
- Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was the greatest act of love, an atoning sacrifice.
- We have been made alive with Christ
- Jesus taught that love was humble servanthood.
- Jesus shows Himself to us.
- The Father and Jesus will make their home in us.
- Jesus makes us more than conquerors.
- We are able to increasing be able to grasp knowledge of Who God is in a way that surpasses knowledge.
- The Holy Spirit releases love through us.
- God has given us His Spirit.
- We are to love God in return.
- Per Jesus' example, we are to lay down our lives for our friends.
- We must love our brothers and sisters and all with whom we come into contact.