

Skegness Community Church - Weekly Bible Study 2025

52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know

Week 40 - ULTIMATE LOVE: Romans 5:8

**“But God demonstrated His own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”**

The tragic thing about living a life without Christ is that those who do not know Christ can never know how much the Father loves them. Our God demonstrated His love when we were least deserving. He did something: he gave us His only Son who “died for us.” No wonder the Bible says, “Greater love has no-one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friend” (John 15:13).

THE PROOF OF GOD’S LOVE

God proved His love towards us. How? It was not by writing His love in flaming letters across the sky nor by belting His strong voice from heaven expressing His love. The Bible says, “But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law” (Galatians 4:4). Jesus was not some sort of remedial action, a last-minute splint for a broken world when everything else had failed. The preparation God had done was staggering. He raised up a Greek nation that took the Greek language across the known world so the gospel could spread without a language barrier. He raised up a Roman empire that built a road system of fifty thousand miles across the world so the gospel could move from country to country. Yes it was in the “fullness of time” that Christ came. Each of us longs to be loved. And God loves us so much that he demonstrated “His own love towards us”. He sent His Son. No one on earth has DNA like yours. No one has a thumbprint just like yours. You are an individual, loved by the Lord. And the love you can voluntarily return to Him is indescribably valuable to Him.

THE PHENOMENON OF GOD’S LOVE

The Phenomenal thing about the love of God is that He expressed it to us not when we were perfect or deserving. He loved us “while we were still sinners.” In fact “Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:7-8). These two little words **but God** make all the difference. Jesus came to where we are so that one day we could go to where He is. In other words, He came to earth so that we could go to heaven. He was forsaken so that we might never be forsaken.

THE PRICE OF GOD’S LOVE

“Christ died for us.” Let those words sink in for just a moment. He died your death so you could live His life. He took your sin so you could take His righteousness. “For God so loved the world that **He gave ...**” (John 3:16). For thirty years **He gave**. But what did we do? We took His hands - those same hands that once had calmed storms, stoked children’s heads, multiplied the loaves and fishes, clasped themselves in prayer in the garden - and we nailed them fast to a cross. Then we took the same feet that had run errands of mercy for so many, that had walked on the sea, and we nailed them to a cross. The price Jesus paid to “demonstrate” His love was great. Every lash of the whip, every sound of the hammer, was the voice of God saying, “I love sinners.”

As you memorise this verse, meditate on “the breadth and length and height and depth” of God’s love for you personally. No one else has your DNA. You are individual, indescribably loved by God.
Let Him love you today!