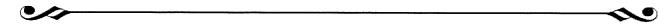


Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

I always thought love was shaped like a heart, but it's actually shaped like a cross. —Anon.



et's read verses 18 and 19 of today's Bible passage: I pray that you may have the power 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, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Notice the apostle Paul's reference to the shape and size of Christ's love for us. He mentions the *width* and *length* of the love of Christ, along with its *height* and *depth* (one and the same; the height is the same as the depth).

Clearly, Paul is searching for a three-dimensional metaphor to illustrate the vastness of the love of Christ.

There are many possible geometric shapes he could've mentioned. Triangles (scalene, isosceles, equilateral, acute-angled, obtuse-angled, right-angled; four-sided shapes such as a square, rectangle, parallelogram, rhombus, trapezium or kite; or a circle, sphere, cone or cylinder. Or course there are many more geometric shapes.

But which one does justice to the "shape" or "size" of the love of Christ?

None of them! The love of Christ "surpasses" human knowledge. Yet Paul prays that we might "know" what "surpasses knowledge."

How can you know what is unknowable?

He means that it is possible to experience what is unknowable and unexplainable.

We experience many things that we cannot explain and which is beyond our particular ability to understand—things like electricity, computers, airplanes, smartphones and so on. *Some* people obviously have this knowledge, but perhaps not most of us.

In the same way, we might not know, understand or explain the love of Christ, but we know it is real because we have experienced it!

Let us be thankful for the love of Christ!

-Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you loved me before I was even conscious of your love. You loved me when you knew the worst about me. Thank you for your boundless love. Amen.

Week of July 25, 2021





Daily Bible Readings
Sunday: Acts 10-12
Monday: Micah 5-7
Tuesday: Nahum 1-3
Wednesday: 2 Kings 20-21
Thursday: Zephaniah 1-3
Friday: Habakkuk 1-3

Saturday: Psalms 79-81

TRUE OR FALSE?

This puzzle is based on the story of Ruth. Answer each statement, **True** or **False**. Circle the letter in the correct answer column. Write each circled letter on the numbered lines below to discover the secret word. We've done the first one for you.

WATCH

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Naomi was Ruth's mother.	D	R
2. Ruth was a Moabite.	Т	Р
3. Naomi wanted Ruth to leave her	N	L
and return to Moab.		
4. Orpah was Naomi's hired hand.	Н	S
5. Boaz lived in Bethlehem.	С	В
6. Boaz was a farmer.	U	V
7. Ruth made a living begging at	Χ	Е
the gates of Bethlehem.		
8. Boaz instructed his workers to	Е	J
leave extra grain in the field for		
Ruth to glean.		
9. Boaz invited Ruth to eat with the	R	Q
harvesters.		
10. Boaz was related to Naomi.	1	W
11. Boaz refuses to marry Ruth.	F	R
12. Ruth is the great-grandmother	О	G
of King David.		

WORD ASSOCIATION			
each puzzl that goes of pound wo functions of example, in volley, field answer wo word ball of the other	with each to rd (or word as a compou f the given v d and bearin ould be ball, can be adde	a single word of form a compair that und word). For words are ag, then the because the ed to each of rm volleyball,	
Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	
BACK	BLEU	STOOL	
SHORT	CAKE	POWDER	

COTTAGE

BALL

R 9 7 4 6 1 11 8 5 2 10 12 3

Solution to TRUE or FALSE: 1R, 2T, 3N, 4S, 5C, 6U, 7E, 8E, 9R, 10I, 11R, 12O. Secret word: RESURRECTION. Solution to WORD ASSOCIATION: Set 1- Stop (backstop, shortstop, stopwatch); Set 2- Cheese (bleu cheese, cheesecake, cottage cheese); Set 3- Foot (footstool, foot powder, football).