



The DEEPER Life: experiencing HIS LOVE

During this time of the year, it's easy to be distracted by all the things that need to get done in the next few weeks. It's easy to read the headlines and wonder if love really can overcome the darkness and hatred in our world. It's easy to allow worry over tomorrow—or next week or next year—to overwhelm us and keep us from feeling loved.

We can bring all of these concerns to God. We can surrender our deepest hurts and concerns to him. When we bring all this to Him, His love will fill us and renew us. Remember, there is nothing, and no one, who can separate us from the Love of God. This love cannot be contained or constrained by anything. As the apostle, Paul stated, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

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and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you, being rooted and established in love, 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, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:17-19). Let this season of Advent be one that each one of us is embraced by the love of God through the gift of His Son.

