

Series: The Prayer of Jesus; Sermon: **Experiencing Divine Love**

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Bible text explored: John 17:24-26

²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.” [ESV]

Review and application:

Seeing love as a sentimental feeling falls far short of the divine love with which Jesus desired to surround his disciples, both then and now.

1. How far back (v. 24) did the Father’s love for the Son extend?
What location for himself did Jesus’ words “where I am” anticipate?
(See *John 16:28*.)
So for how far into the future does this love extend?
(See *Col. 3:4; 1 Cor. 13:8-10; Rev. 11:15*.)
2. Divine love is rooted in the nature of God himself. Whose love is Jesus reciprocating?
How is the glory of this mutual Father-Son love communicated to us?
(See *Rom. 5:5* and *8:26-27*.)
What assurance does participating in this triune love provide for us?
(See *Rom. 5:8* and *8:35-39*.)
3. What word (appearing in two forms in vv. 25-26) does Jesus use four times to convey the confidence we should have?
4. Suggestions for growing in our understanding of this divine love include listening to biblical sermons, spending time meditating on the *Psalms*, and pondering *Romans* chapter 8. What step could work for you?
5. How can we tell ourselves the truth about how we are loved?
(See *Eph. 1:3-6*.)
How can we experience God’s love? (See *Rev. 3:20*.)