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BEYOND ALL OTHERS, BEYOND ALL THAT MAN CAN DO, BEYOND ALL THAT WE CAN HOPE FOR –

IESUS CHRIST IS THE GOD WHO SAVES.

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE

CELEBRATING THE FACT THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS BROUGHT TO MAN ALL THAT IS BEYOND WHAT WE COULD EVER WANT OR NEED.

Part 4

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER: Resurrection, Life, Power, Hope, Abundance

Introduction to the Text;

Eph. 3:20-21

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Now to Him who is **able** to **do exceedingly abundantly above all** that we can **ask** or **think**, according to **the power** that works in us, **21** to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Amen.

We are living at a time that is so "instant" that what is a few years old – is now too old. We're living in a day when things become outdated before they are even well known. We're living in a world that has become dulled by over-stimulation.

Nothing Seems To Shock Anyone Anymore

But I've Got Some News for You Today

(it's old, really old. It's been heard before, a lot. But it's relevance has never been more applicable and in fact – with each passing day, It's reality becomes more and more powerful.)

Why? - - Because of What Jesus Christ Had To Say and Because of What He Has Done:

Luke 24:1-35

Now on the first day of the week, (Sunday) very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. :2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. :3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. :4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. :5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? :6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, :7 saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' ":8 then they remembered His words. :9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. :10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. :11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. :12 But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. :13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. :14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. :15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. :16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they

did not recognize Him. :17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?":18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" :19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, :20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. :21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. :22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. :23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. :24 And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said: but Him they did not see." :25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! :26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?": 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. :28 Then as they drew near to the village where they were going, He indicated that He would have gone on farther. :29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. :30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. :31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He suddenly vanished from their sight. :32 And they said to one another, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" :33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, :34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" :35 And they told them about the things that had happened...

Luke 24:35

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What Do I Mean by "Love Beyond Measure"?

(1) it's a love that is **not human**, but divine. (2) it is a love that's greater, excessive, **exceedingly**. (3) it is the limitless nature of Who the God of the Bible is. **God is Love** says the Scriptures.

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE:

1.) Desires You To Know Him

Matt 4: 13

He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, fulfilled the ancient prophecy which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." :17

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE;

2.) Reaches Out in The Familiar

- 1. Jesus met the woman at the well.
- 2. He went to the pools of Bethesda to heal a lame man.
- 3. He was there when a demon possessed man was in a rage.

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE;

3.) Relentlessly Pursues You In Life

Jer 31:3

"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Romans 1:19-20

because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE:

4.) Invades Your Deepest Thoughts

John 16:8

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father

Ps. 139:2-4

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going outa and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE:

5.) Calls Out To You In Hope

Matt. 4:23

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom,

John 6:44

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws (calls) him;

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE;

6.) Endures Opposition

Heb 12:2-3

Looking (fasten your eyes) unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. :3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself,

Luke 24:25-27

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! :26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" :27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE;

7.) Provides All That Is Needed

Phil. 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

You Know What's Awesome About This Reality - It says...

" according to HIS riches "

Gold doesn't make God rich. Silver can't do it. Pearls won't do it.

Have you read what the Bible has to say about stuff like that, It's used for asphalt and foundations and gates – it's nothing to God.

Rom. 8:31-32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also **freely (generously) give** us all things?

Jehovah-Jireh

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE:

8.) Sacrifices Everything For One

Have You Ever Noticed That Most of The Gospel Accounts

Deal with personal encounters with individuals?

John 10:11,14-16

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep...

14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; (are you one of them) them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice;

Have You Ever Noticed That Most of The Epistles Record

Personal encounters with individuals or groups of individuals?

Acts 26:26-29

For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe." :28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian." :29 And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am,

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE;

9.) Beckons You To Come

Matt. 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Matt 4:19

"Come and follow me, and I will send you out to fish for men."

In that terrifying moment when the disciples thought

that they were about to drown in the sea - Jesus

Matt. 14:28-29

And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." :29 So He said, "Come."

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE IS;

10.) Life Eternal

John 10:27-28

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

I Cannot Give You a Rolls Royce

Because I do not have a Rolls Royce to Give.

But Jesus Christ "is" Eternal Life and Only He Can Give It To You.

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

THERE IS NOT A HUMAN BEING ALIVE THAT DOESN'T WANT TO BE LOVED.

YOU NEED TO EXPERIENCE LOVE BEYOND MEASURE AND THAT LOVE IS JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF

Rom. 10:8-10

But what does the Scriptures say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom. 8:35.37

Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we must endure suffering or if disaster befalls us, or if persecution comes upon us, or hunger, or if we become destitute of this worlds goods, will His love fail us in the hour of danger, or when we are threatened with death?...: 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.



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