

The Love of the Cross

Introduction

- Love—the motivating factor in the cross
- Jesus' crucifixion—most powerful message on earth
- Amazing, Sacrificial, Suffering love
- On Golgotha, God's love burst forth like the brilliance of the sun with a fragrance like that of a crushed rose

The Love of the Father

- Manifest in planning. Gen.3:15
 - Satan's head to be bruised
- Manifest in providing. Rom. 5:5-8; 8:31-32; I Jn. 4:9-10
 - A body prepared just to be slain. Heb. 10:5,10
- Was God not hurt when Jesus died?
- Love's accomplishment. 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 8:3

The Love of Christ

- Suffered as none other. Isa. 53:12; Heb. 5:7-8
 - Mental anguish. Isa. 53:11; Mat. 26:38
 - Physical agony--sweat as blood. Lk. 22:44
- Suffered a broken heart. Jn. 19:34; Psa. 22:14-15
 - So soon dead? Mk. 15:44

Love Constrains Us

- Unmoved and unbroken by the cross?
 - What then will break the sinner's resistance? Rom. 2:4
- Should lead to obedience. Acts 2:36-41; Gal. 3:26-27
- Should prompt love of fellows. I Jn. 4:7-11

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*"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my life my soul, my all."* Isaac Watts

**Who can fathom such love?
Powerful! Limitless!
Amazing!**