

If we're not abiding and don't comprehend the love of God we miss out on fellowship with Him, and with the rest of the body to the depth that God desires. We need to understand that our abiding not only affects ourselves, but also affects others.

God's Love Can Be Known in the Body

Paul then says that the agape love comprehension is not just for the individual, but it is for the body. The body-level of comprehension is a complex thing for us to understand. It's easy for us to imagine ourselves learning something, but the idea of a rich, grasped, body-wide love, is something that could only be described as supernatural.

If the body comprehends and manifests love, what does that look like?

What we find here in Paul's prayer is that for the church is one of supernatural life and supernatural love being worked out in ways that the world cannot help but be amazed by. The impact of godly agape in the body is individual, corporate, and evangelistic.

Each believer who hurts or rejoices is loved and therefore we mourn or rejoice with each believer who needs love or co-rejoicing. The needs of the body are met out of love. The impact of difficulties are met by love. The fellowship is rooted in love. The spiritual gifts are couched in love and expressed constantly.

This is truly revolutionary.

God's Love is Infinite in all the Dimensions

Paul wants the body-wide love to be comprehended because he knows that the nature of God's love is infinite in any dimension we could want to explore it. This leads us to the idea that we need each other to know God's love.

How can we know God's love without each other?

Without the body knowing God's love alone is a challenge we cannot begin to fathom. However, as a body we come together and share what we're learning; share where in God's love we've grown; And share in co-comprehension.

Christ's Love Surpasses Knowledge

As if comprehension as taking hold of something and making it our own as a body were not enough, Paul tells us that the love of Christ surpasses knowledge. It is super-beyond just understanding in an intellectual way. This is a love rooted in God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, expressed by Christ, and then manifested in the body for a rich life-experienced understanding. If you were Greek you would want all knowledge, but never through the scientific method. Philosophically speaking it would have been enough to comprehend it.