

# LOVE SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS

## *Romans 5:1-8*

1. The love of God is His joyful self-determination to reflect the goodness of His will and glory by meeting the needs of mankind
2. No definition of love means anything unless it is rooted in God.
3. Love must have an anchoring point or you will drift in one of two directions:  
Emotional sentimentalism or unfeeling duty.

### **FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT GOD'S LOVE:**

1. The joyful overflow of God's will and glory (His obsession with His own glory - (Eph. 1:4-6)
2. God's love manifested (Romans 5:1, 5, 8)
3. God's love and our welfare (Romans 8:31-32)
4. God's love is the measure.

### **TRUE LOVE IS:**

1. Visibly Expressed
  - a. God expresses His love in creation. Creation is not the greatest demonstration of love.
  - b. Calvary is God's love.
2. Always Sacrificial
  - a. True love pays the price. Look at the "price tag."
  - b. Calvary helps us understand God's love.
3. Always Beneficial
  - a. True love always benefits the one loved.
  - b. Never say, "What am I getting out of this."
  - c. God had "our interest" in mind.
4. Unconditional
  - a. Not tied to the worth of the person.
  - b. True love is never predicated on the other person earning it.
  - c. It is your decision to love - Deuteronomy 7:7-8.
5. Judicial  
Major difference - Divine Love & Worldly Love - True love makes judgment calls. True love hates wrong! It embraces right.
6. Emotional
  - a. "True Love" always feels but emotion alone does not equal love.
  - b. "True Love" delights in the commands of God.