I. No Human Mind Can Comprehend God’s Love
   A. Spirit of wisdom and revelation needed (Eph. 1:17)
   B. We cannot reason it out
   C. 1 John 4:16—And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who [dwells] in love [dwells] in God and God in him.

   Have we known God’s love?
   If so, have we believed it?

II. Unfolding The Love Of God
   A. It is unconditional
      1. We cannot earn it
      2. We do not deserve it
   B. It is sovereign
   C. It is apprehended only by revelation—
      We have known and believed the love that God has for us . . .
   D. The measure of God’s love
      1. How we were when God first loved us (Rom. 5:6–10)
         a. Still without strength (v. 6)
         b. Ungodly (v. 6)
         c. Sinners—failures (v. 8)
         d. Enemies (v. 10)
      2. Eph. 2:4–7—Even when we were dead in trespasses:
         a. He made us alive
         b. He resurrected us
         c. He enthroned us with Christ
      3. He is a Creator who reveals Himself to His creation
         a. We are to be the eternal demonstration to the universe of God’s grace (Eph. 1:5–6; 3:10)
         b. Only fully displayed when it is totally undeserved (Rom. 11:6)
   E. Initiated solely by God (1 John 4:9–10)
      Our lives are a response to God’s love

III. The Place Of Love In The Christian Life
   A. Love one another (1 John 4:7)
      1. A decision
      2. Produced by the new birth (1 Peter 1:22–23)
   B. Many Christians have been “saved by a Stranger”
      1. They have never taken time to know the One who saved them
      2. If we do not love, we do not know God (1 John 4:8)
   C. Those who love Christ will share His sufferings with Him (Phil. 3:10)
   D. Rooted and grounded in love (Eph. 3:17–18)
      1. Otherwise we cannot comprehend the fullness of Christ
      2. The goal of our instruction: Love (1 Tim. 1:5–6)
a. With a pure heart  
b. With a good conscience  
c. With sincere faith  

IV. The Value Of Love (Song 8:6–7)  
A. Love is stronger than death  
B. Love is un-drownable  
C. You cannot buy love  
D. Love is eternal (1 Cor. 13:1–3)  
E. Love is administered only by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5)