



GROWING IN YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS

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## PART ONE

In the book of Revelation, Jesus writes a letter to the church in Ephesus, which had cooled in its love for Jesus. This is a reminder that it is possible to grow bored with the Christian life, and have our love for Jesus cool.

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Philippians 3:8 shows what true love for Jesus looks like:

*What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ...*

### PHILIPPIANS 3:8

#### CONSIDER EVERYTHING A LOSS

Scripture calls for the believers to place everything—career, material possessions, and life itself—beneath Christ in their hearts.

This does not come from head-knowledge or spiritual experiences, but first by being dissatisfied in your current state of love for Jesus.

In Ephesians 3:18 Paul's deepest desire was for the church in Ephesus to understand Christ's love for them:

*<sup>17</sup> ...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,*

#### Sermon Overview

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*<sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ...*

### **EPHESIANS 3:18**

Jesus's earthly ministry showed that He always longs to nourish our minds, open our hearts to His love, and surrender our will to His purpose.

Our deepest longings can only be satisfied when we dive deeper into the depth of the love of Christ. Doing that will lead us to begin to love Him in the same way.