

DRIVEN TO SACRIFICE

John 3:16 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- God loved you so much that He gave what was precious to Him.
- Mother's are a perfect example of this scripture.
- Just as God so loved that He gave and sacrificed, mothers do the same for their children.
- The best thing God ever did for us was He introduced us to Jesus.
- Mothers, the best thing you can do is to introduce your children to Jesus.
- God started a legacy when He sent Jesus. Mother's, you can start a legacy by raising your children up to follow Christ.
- The first thought that associates itself with mothers is love.
- This love has a source.

THE SOURCE OF THIS LOVE

1 John 4:7-12 (NIV)

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

- God is love. He answers to both names (God & Love).
- The Bible continually tells us that love comes from God.
- Where *is* this great love that the Bible talks about?
- Let's look in Romans 5.

THE LOCATION OF THIS LOVE

Romans 5:5 (NIV)

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

- God not only sent His one and only Son, He also sent us the Holy Spirit.
- God has continued His legacy.
- The first job that the Holy Spirit is required to do in a believer's life is to pour out God's own love in their heart.
- Christians have God's very own love living on the inside of them.
- That means that you have the best, the cream of the crop, the purest, the most valuable, and the most effective love in this world living in you right now.
- What can this love do for us?

THE EFFECT OF THIS LOVE

Ephesians 3:20 (KJV)

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

- Too many people miss read this scripture and use it only for themselves.
- They read it and then they tell God what to do with it.
- This scripture was not meant to tell you what God was going to do about your situation.
- It was meant to show you what you can do about your situation.
- Pay attention to the two "A's" able & according.

- A mother's love is a perfect example of God's love for His children.
- God has placed His love on the inside of us.
- God in you!
- Too many times we wonder what God is going to do with us, while He is wondering what we are going to do with Him.
- What are you doing with God?
- Make the decision today to pour out the very thing that was poured out in you (God's love).
- It's in you for a reason, it's in you for a legacy.